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ASK YOURSELF

1. "We know so little of our Sisterhood." Complete?

2. Describe the Cleveland Youth Conference. What impressed you most from Anne Gould's account? How many youth did your church send? (Be sure to hear them report.)

3. Describe the new missionary enterprise of today as seen by Leslie B. Moss.

4. Twenty-three home mission agencies meet where? Name some of the topics considered in this meeting.

5. What is the Home Missions Council of North America?

6. An important gathering in Foochow. Describe.

7. A school is sixty years old. Name the school.

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Women and Christian Service

We know so little of our Sisterhood:
 Lydia, Dorcas, Anna—we are told
 Were servants of the Master. True and good,
 They worked, they wrought, they watched the hours unfold,
 Deeming it a privilege to give
 A humble quiet service that some way
 The world might be a blessed place to live
 Because they lived their best through their brief day.

We know so little of them, yet we know
 God's smile was on them, and today may we
 As Christian women ever humbly go,
 Moving among a hurt humanity
 To ease that hurt; to serve our church, our land,
 To serve our homes, close-guarded by God's hand.

—GRACE NOLL CROWELL.



Methodist Youth Conference, Cleveland, Ohio,
December 30, 1947-January 2, 1948

Ten Thousand Teen Agers, One Million Dollars and Christ Above All

By

ANNE GOULD

IT'S HARD to believe these days of our atomic years when Christianity too often reaches a new low on the totem pole of personal values, but ten thousand teen-agers gathered together to spend a large chunk of their Christmas holidays in the interest of putting Christ above all!

Listen well, you tired and silver-topped builders toward a new world to whom the last few years have brought discouragement!

Listen well, you who strive for anything *less* than Christianity on a planet riddled with self-imposed destruction!

Ten thousand attractive, intelligent, and normal teen-agers sat in the aisles of the Cleveland Public Auditorium at midnight on New Year's Eve, participating in Holy Communion and praying that they might be worthy to serve the Christian cause!

Ten thousand young people came by train, bus, and car. Nearly four thousand boys made themselves at home in a bomber plant converted for the occasion to a dormitory. Sixteen hundred girls slept on cots set up in one wing of the huge auditorium itself, and for five days bathed in junior-sized,

gray-enameled washbasins! The others were housed in local hotels, eating where they could, but concentrating on sandwich counters set up in the auditorium.

And what were these conscientious, earnest young people told? What would *you* have said to them? Would you have experienced the same awe, the same humbleness, the same great thanksgiving in your hearts which most of us felt?

• Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education, Nashville, opened the conference Tuesday evening, December 30, 1947, with the sort of understanding advice you would have wanted him to give your son or daughter. "Four great experiences await you here: fellowship among yourselves; a sense of world fellowship; a deepened conviction that Christ is above all; and a sense of personal commitment."

The great conference had begun. Christian leaders brought their accumulated wisdom and experience to the platform and knew the privilege of the undivided attention of ten thousand teen-agers!

"The only answer to atomic power is moral power." Dr. Harold

C. Case, minister of the First Methodist Church, Pasadena, named war, race prejudice, narrow nationalism, self-sufficient science, intoxication, moral chaos, and the reduction of religious rituals to triviality as those elements in past history which have shaped our universal destiny. "Either we will put up the sword, limit the planes, and scrap the bombs, building mutual trust, economic welfare, world-wide justice—with Christ—or perish."

Wednesday morning was gray with sleetish drizzle. The first busload of boys left the bomber plant dormitory at 8:30 A.M. on its twelve-mile journey to the city. At ten-thirty the ten thousand were in their places, the auditorium lights were lowered, and twenty thousand ears were eager for what their programs told them was "Youth in Conversation." In total darkness the voices of ten thousand young people arriving in Cleveland for a Methodist Youth Conference came over the loud-speaker. They were greeting each other in their regional dialects. (There were audience chuckles of the southern delegates as they heard their sweet belles discoursing with characteristic

(drawled crescendo.) The recorded program continued with inquiries among the delegates as to why a conference was being held at all. How much was it costing? What would it do?

Then the answers came. It was costing The Methodist Church one million dollars to hold this conference for its young people. That was enough to put food in the mouths of starving children in Europe for many months. Why was so much money spent on the young people of America, the multiple blessed? And The Methodist Church replied that it has faith that such a conference would lead to world thinking on the part of its young people which in turn was a way to world peace, a way to prevent further starvation and destruction in any nation, in any part of the earth.

The lights were softly raised and many a young heart breathed, "So that's why!" The daily call to worship and group meditation service included personal inquiries of each delegate. "Science has made the world a neighborhood. Can *you* make it a brotherhood?" There were group prayers, anthems by a young people's choral ensemble capably led by Cecil Lapo, minister of music, First Methodist Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and there were glorious hymns with lovable Walter Jenkins, minister of music, First Methodist Church of Houston, Texas, leading 10,000 lusty voices! And then again Christian leaders spoke.

Professor G. Baez-Camargo, Methodist leader in interdenominational work in Mexico, described the basic differences between Christian and non-Christian patterns of brotherhood. "In the Christian pattern, although the influence of environment is not denied, the place to begin is the human heart." Other patterns depend on law, regulations, institutional changes, and new structures of government for transformation of the world. "Modern democracy, although still imperfect, may well be considered as the political expression of the Christian principle of brotherhood."

Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, New York, N. Y., gave these Methodist youths an historical picture of the background of Methodist Youth work, beginning with his own experience many years ago. He illustrated the great intellectual strides the church attitude in its mission work has taken in these years by placing two missionaries directly in front of two students from India, indicating that in the beginning the initiative and leadership had come from missionaries. Later they worked side by side, but today the missionaries stand behind the people with whom they make their homes, an indication that the highest aspiration of mission work today is developing indigenous Christian leadership. Dr. Diffendorfer concluded by introducing students from many countries, all here in America as the result of work done in their own countries by Methodist Christian leaders.

The afternoon sessions of this conference were conveniently divided into two parts, one of which each delegate devoted to a study of the exhibits in the lower arena of the auditorium, and the other of which was given over to a specified activity. The activities groups ranged in interest from demon-

strations of folk games, songs, and hymns, to visual education methods and "Town Meetings" in which youth discussed what should be done to meet the alcohol problem. The exhibits were spectacular with pageantry and graphic portrayals of the panorama of world-wide service opportunities which The Methodist Church affords. A central figure in the exhibit hall was the heroic figure of Christ which symbolized Youth's part in the Crusade for Christ, Methodism's four-year program of advance. A small screen on which colored slides of Methodist missions here and abroad were shown had been placed at the center of a huge map of the world as the Board of Missions contribution to the education of its youth.

Wednesday evening at 7:45 P.M. a cast of 300 Cleveland people presented the drama, "A Mighty Drama," written by Mrs. Dorothy Clarke Wilson, and directed by Mrs. Virginia Wilke Elicker. It was a powerful and colorful collection of historical Christian episodes showing the age-old and ever-present conflict between violence and love in our society. These episodes were shown to an interracial group of young people, eager to break through the doorway to a new world but deterred by personalized history. He begged them to witness these excerpts from the lives

"Miss America" of 1947, Barbara Jo Walker, right; Rev. James L. Bagby, Executive Secretary of the Memphis Conference Board of Education, and Miss Zarina Soule of India, Crusade Scholar



of Christian leaders everywhere, from Moses to George Washington Carver, who had earned the privilege of entering the doorway which leads to a new world. The pageant left its audience profoundly conscious of the tremendous role Christian martyrdom has played through the centuries in making possible the growth of Christian faith.

At 10:45 that same evening, following an informal reception and fellowship at which all the conference speakers, bishops, missionaries, and church staff members were present, our Ten Thousand Teenagers gathered once more in the auditorium. The Watch Night Service of Holy Communion was made more impressive by a quick glance at the auditorium itself. Its capacity is 10,600, and for this, their New Year's Eve, the young people of the Methodist Youth Fellowship not only filled every seat but many aisles as well! The offering for overseas relief taken at this service came to well over five thousand dollars!

Morning came early on this first day of the new year, but again there were no empty seats once the program began. There were the continued reports of eight delegates to the World Conference of Christian Youth in Oslo, Norway, in July, 1947, reports which brought the young people of other nations to life for our American youth.

Dr. Paul Quillian, minister of the First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, spoke of the strength of

Christianity as evidenced by its historical growth, pointing out that today there are six hundred million people in the world who, despite their racial, economic, and other differences, have in common "Christ above all." He defined the church as a "fellowship in which men in every generation have found strength to stand courageously against tyrants who would enslave the human spirit."

The final speaker of Thursday morning was probably the most impressive one of the conference. Dr. Richard Raines, minister of the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church in Minneapolis, earned thunderous applause and the young people rose to their feet in appreciation of his words. He outlined the four functions of the church as being worship, the development of Christian character, social change and leadership, and the creation of what we call fellowship. His words were simple, direct, and he spoke with effective sincerity.

New Year's night Roland Hayes sang to the sons and daughters of The Methodist Church. He sang first the classics of Bach, Haydn, and Mozart, and from the depths of his great Christian soul came the sweet music which is only God-given. Best loved of his numbers, however, were such songs of his own people as "Lemme Shine," "Swing Low," "Everytime I Feel the Spirit." Most delightful of all was his encore number, "Little Boy, How Old Are You?" a descriptive

ballad of the question asked Jesus by the scribes when he appeared before them in his twelfth year.

Only Friday morning left! Already there was beginning to be an air of nostalgia that there must be an end to this rich experience. Two boys from Texas extolled all it had meant to them—"most important thing that's happened to us in our lives." Judging from the one-hundred-per-cent attendance of all those Methodist young people during the entire conference they were not alone in their conviction.

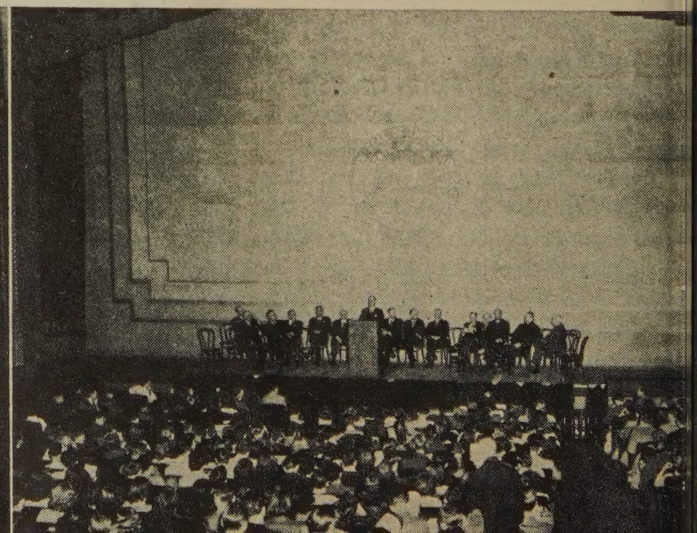
After the customary worship services with which each session was opened, services in which the entire group participated by reading together carefully prepared worship material, Bishop J. Ralph Magee, resident bishop of the Chicago area of The Methodist Church and director of the Crusade for Christ, spoke on "Youth and the Crusade for Christ." He opened his talk with the story of the young man who came to dinner, who ate sparingly, drank nothing, and smoked not at all.

On inquiry, he replied that his way of life was preparation for the task of becoming a leader of young American communists. Bishop Magee's reply that we "cannot beat communism with a half-hearted Christianity" touched off his list of the four essentials in our day: (1) the need of God as central in man's life; (2) the caring for human fellowship around the whole world; (3) your own personal

Sunshine Bergreen of Norway; Gladys Hwa of China; Yonda Kand of Korea; Rosa Romero of Brazil; Jean Thompson, Pulaski, New York; Helen Hasler of Switzerland; Carnreila Redollido, Philippine Islands; Louise Jesudian of India; and Rev. Jesse K. Cornelius of India



The Council of Bishops, led by Bishop Paul B. Keene, acts as host to a responsive group of youth



responsibility in the face of all this; and (4) if you progress this far, how can you know what to do and how to take over.

The conference was brought to an appropriate close by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, author, lecturer, and missionary to India, who conducted with characteristic evangelism the service of personal commitment. Dedication cards were passed to every delegate. They listed twelve "decisions for Christ" which could be checked as desired. There was space to write in a Christian vocational choice as well. Close to 3,000 of these cards were completed, a fitting tribute to the effectiveness of Dr. Jones as a stirring speaker.

In writing later of his impression of the Cleveland conference, Dr. Jones said: "Of the many outstanding things in the six months in America, one will stand out. . . . Never in my long experience of mass meetings have I felt the power of God so mightily at work as in the service of dedication. I felt I didn't have to do things—God was doing them and all we had to do was to surrender to him and let him work. Back of that unforgettable hour was a great deal of prayer from everywhere. We simply became the agent of that prayer. . . . The heart of youth revealed itself in that mighty thunder of applause. That heart is sound."

Friday noon thirteen special trains, scores of chartered buses, private automobiles, and jalopies began to carry the ten thousand

Letter of Appreciation to Mrs. Bragg

Mrs. J. D. Bragg,
3666A Montana Street,
St. Louis 16, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Bragg:

Thank you for your very gracious letter of January 2 concerning the Cleveland Conference. It was thoughtful of you to write, and I am deeply grateful for your words of appreciation.

Certainly the Cleveland Conference was far and away beyond anything we had hoped or dreamed for in terms of its impact and in terms of the marvelous co-operation that came from all the agencies of the church.

Please express to the Woman's Division of Christian Service our deep gratitude for the many ways in which they made possible the fine missionary emphasis of the conference. Grateful thanks are due yourself and other executive officers of the Division, as well as Miss Helen Johnson and her secretary, Miss Marjorie Van Nest, for the superb work and long hours which they put in in arranging for the appearance and participation of the nationals and missionaries. Thank you for expressing our gratitude to the Division for its wonderful contribution.

With kindest personal regards and every good wish, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

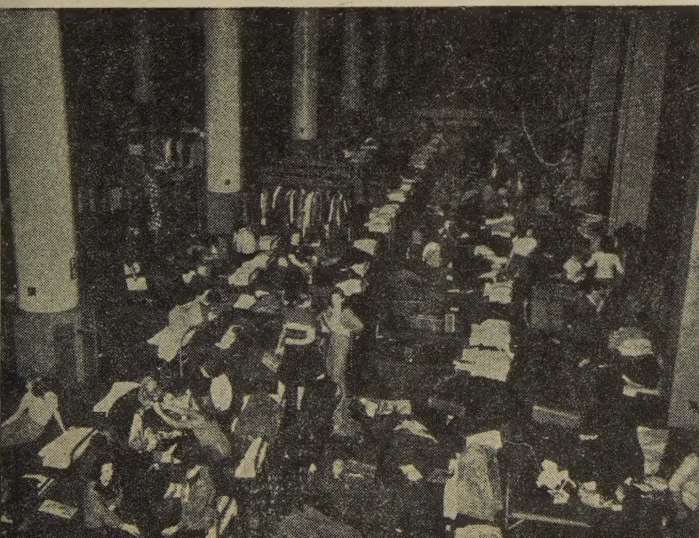
HOOVER RUPERT,

Director, Youth Department, Board of Education.

back to their homes in every state in the nation. Friday night about fifty young people, waiting for their special train to load, turned the old Cleveland Pennsylvania station into a barn dance, punctuating their dancing with the singing of the hymns Walter Jenkins had brought to life for them.

The ten thousand delegates represented two million members of the MYF, every conference in the United States and fifteen countries and constituted the largest comparable Methodist gathering in more than thirty years. This conference was a special one, a feature of the Crusade for Christ of The Methodist Church. Under the auspices of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, administrative responsibility for planning the conference was in the Youth Department of the Division of the Local Church. It had the active support of the boards and agencies of the church. A large planning conference composed of sixty-five young people and adults representing all jurisdictions and several groups in the church, including national youth officers, held two preparatory meetings in the preceding months. Credit for the overwhelming success of the conference must go to the many, many individuals and groups who participated in its planning from its conception. Rev. Joseph W. Bell, executive director of the conference, deserves a special note of thanks for having executed one of the finest conferences ever held in the history of The Methodist Church.

The first arrivals start filling the huge girls' dormitory in the public auditorium



An eager group of delegates await their turn to register



A Christian Looks at Asia

By LESLIE B. MOSS

LIFE IN ASIA is moving at fever heat, and especially in the cities. The change in conditions over those of years ago is shown, for example, by the wild inflation and the increase in air travel. Inflation has magnified the uncertainties of life in practically every country. Airplane travel is becoming a commonplace method of transportation. A group of Sikhs, apparently a family, stepped out of a plane from India as I was landing at Bangkok in Siam. I found they were bound for China. In the Philippines I was much interested in the number of children accompanying their parents in the airplanes. On one plane in China we had a dozen or so men in work clothes who were evidently being sent to carry out some heavy relief work. The airports in most places were still under construction. Some of them have only grass runways. But the planes were nearly always full, and the amount of difficulty in securing passage compared with our most hectic days in wartime travel in this country.

One speaks of the insecurities resulting from inflation, and the increase of air travel as only two of many observable evidences of feverishness of life in Asia. Commercial air lines can now take you around the world in a week. Shanghai and Manila are only two or three days from New York. Asia is not only speeding up, it is practically in our front door yard. While Europe delays over peace and wrangles about recovery, Asia is on the move. There are many problems, and much unfinished business, it is true, but that is always the case. The interesting thing is that Asia seems to have become inoculated with our American feverishness to get on with the job. Whether it arises from the necessities of war, or the competitive clash of ideologies appealing for support, or a certain

exhilaration accompanying the process of getting the foreigners out of Asia, the mind of Asia is moving rapidly toward climaxes that can be distinctly disturbing to a careful observer.

After my visit to the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaya, Siam, and China, I came back with a number of convictions bearing upon our declaration of the Christian message in that part of the world. Let no one be so fatuous as to suppose we are going back to the old ways of missionary life. The relief work which is being done by the churches of the United States through Church World Service is in a multitude of places our most distinguishing and emphatic message about Christ, and a God of love.

This, because of its definitely united character, is a wholly new manifestation. It speaks a language which every soul can understand without an interpreter. It relieves their pain and misery, as in Siam where nearly half a million people were helped and relieved as a result of our anti-malaria campaign. It assuages their hunger in so many places one loses count, and just marvels. It gives them blankets or clothes to comfort them in the midst of shortages too widespread to estimate. It cares for the orphan. It gives work to the farmer whose harvest and home have been washed away by floods. We are writing a new chapter in the ministry of relief as part of the essential Christian gospel we are trying to preach in Asia. And this writing has far more impact than much that has been written on other subjects.

How would I summarize this trip and the insights afforded as a result of hundreds of conversations, and scores of places visited? May I put down three things that seem to me practically incontrovertible?

1. The proclamation of Chris-

tianity in Asia today is more important than it has ever been. There is a deep sense in which people are feeling that the time is apocalyptic. What scientists, and others are saying here about the shortness of time for dealing with the atomic bomb, is probably not so clearly apprehended there, but the consequences of continued disturbance among nations are much more clear. In the United States of America we live in a sort of glorified haze of self-wonderment, unmindful of the terrible conditions in other lands. They live in the midst of the conditions, and they know at firsthand how deadly and all-encompassing another outbreak of war will be.

The hopes in the United Nations are still lively in many parts. But the United Nations cannot build moral foundations on which world society can exist. The United Nations today rest on so diverse a concept of humanity's interrelations that the willingness to trust our destiny to the ideals of other nations and religion is still ephemeral, and chiefly a matter of unstable emotion.

If the United Nations organization is to spread its protecting power over all the unruly spots of human ills today it will be because America puts everything she has to give into that effort. We begin dimly to apprehend that fact in the proposals of Secretary Marshall for Europe. But support for the idea is still very tenuous, and basically lacking. The United Nations projects on the political and economic level is what Christianity has long preached—often in a vacuum—on the spiritual level. And the United Nations cannot function for the world until there is spiritual brotherhood which actuates people's hearts and thoughts.

Hence, I say, the proclamation of Christian truth in all its manifesta-

tations is of supreme importance today.

2. A second conviction has to do with the importance of including a relief program in that proclamation. The customary attitude of the mission forces has been to turn from their "regular" work when some extraordinary calamity made assistance imperative. Then with the passing of the greatest severity they went back to their missionary work. Developments attendant upon the war produce a situation in which it would be folly to continue this shortsighted attitude in a number of countries. The economic conditions and the lack of agricultural and transportation advances current in Western nations

poses most severe problems to those engaged in declaring the Christian way of life. We simply cannot ignore this phase of our Christian proclamation as a steady and inescapable part of the missionary endeavor.

Already this has been tentatively recognized in China. Twenty years ago China Famine Relief was organized in the United States largely through interested church friends of China. It has depended during these twenty years upon the American Advisory Committee as the agent of such church forces in China. Through the years that body, partly composed of missionaries, has directed the disposition of funds and personnel to meet the

emergencies that have crowded one upon the other.

The devastation of war but adds to the continuing needs for funds to carry forward through hundreds of carefully planned projects a ministry to human suffering that can be done in no other way so adequately. The methods and type of relief ministry applicable in other countries will frequently vary, but it is part of the destitution of human life in Asia which only the forthright relief program now conducted by the churches unitedly through Church World Service can serve to meet as a convincing Christian testimony to the love of God.

3. The next conviction centers around a greatly increased unity of impact in our Christian presentation to the peoples of Asia. I have no disposition to challenge the need for denominational missions. I believe that in our present religious organization in the West, a continuance of denominational mission efforts is essential. But today there are many institutions where no denomination itself can meet the need.

We need to think for the future in larger terms. This applies not so much to the sums of money which may be secured for missionary effort, as in terms of a united witness that can have a telling impact upon the whole life of a nation. With the instruments developed in modern industrial life at our disposal this is not a chimerical idea. Radio, movies, newspapers all are media of communication which should be much more effectively used. The method for achieving this approach is indubitably a united one.

With relatively little expense compared with the wide reach of the message, the churches should develop a Christian information service. In a way it could be patterned upon the effective work being done by the government information services. In a number of countries this would greatly expand the proclamation of our message among peoples who are avidly seeking a way of life that can offer them a new sense of security from the terrors which surround them.

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Top: Treatments administered in the Philippines through Church World Service

Center: Gathering for relief clothing in the Philippines

Bottom: A part of the family of Christians in China



The World at our Door

By WILLIAM CLEMES

NEED for achieving greater co-operation among Protestant denominations to meet the rising tide of secularism was the keynote sounded at the recent fortieth annual conference of the Home Missions Council of North America at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania. The group, representing twenty-three major Protestant denominations, met during the week of January 6-9.

Views expressed by the overwhelming majority of church leaders were high lighted in an address by Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational-Christian Church.

Though critical of the inherent weakness of the denominational system, Dr. Douglass expressed the belief that within ten years the majority of Protestant churches would be more closely united in their co-operative programs.

Elaborating his views on the necessity for Protestant unity, the church leader called attention to a "set of disabilities," which, he said, might descend on the church "like an avalanche."

"The deterioration of the rural church, the increasing decrepitude of the great centers of Protestantism, the loss of the intelligentsia, and organized labor—these are the ominous signposts pointing to disaster," he said.

Dr. Douglass maintained that lack of Protestant unity was reflected in the church's "disorder and feebleness" in meeting the "threat of anti-Christian movements."

He claimed the churches today "are fighting a series of guerrilla actions instead of pursuing a grand strategy of offense. They cannot in their dividedness meet the onslaughts of alternative movements which are contending for the allegiance of mankind—movements which are closely articulated and are able to demand the utmost in

discipline and obedience for the sake of the cause."

The critical situation faced by the Protestant church was also emphasized by Dr. Mark A. Dawber, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America. He pointed out that despite modest statistical gains, more people lived outside the church's influence today than at any time in the nation's history. "Secularism is destined to become the major faith of the future," he warned, "if it continues to grow at its present rate."

Dr. Dawber said that in New York City less than ten per cent of the population comprise Protestant church membership, and that "all three major faiths in this city constitute minority groups."

He characterized the recent history of Protestantism as one of "retreat and retrenchment" and urged delegates "to pool their resources in a carefully planned, courageous program to win the multitudes from paganism to Christ."

The urgent need for greater interdenominational co-operation emphasized by Dr. Douglass and Dr. Dawber was underlined when delegates sitting in more than a dozen committees drew up reports on specific ills in the home mission field.

The reports presented to the conference painted a realistic picture of mounting racial tensions, severe farm labor unrest, abuse by state and local communities of the American Indian, dislocation of rural and urban populations, and the powerful growth of secular movements.

For example, the committee on migratory labor

under the leadership of Miss Edith Lowry, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council, pointed to a rapidly swelling stream of migratory workers on the East and West coasts, and throughout the Middle West. Fed by urban housing shortages, and the closing of war plants, the stream was said to be surging and boiling, and about to erupt into the acute social problem of the 1930's.

According to these reports, the current withdrawal of federal aid has already brought repercussions. One of these mentioned was the virtual disappearance of medical and recreational facilities, occurring as farm labor centers revert to growers associations.

In the light of this change in governmental policy toward migrants, conference reports dealing with the problem stressed the need for joint church action to develop and strengthen the work being done by the Home Missions Council in the migratory labor field.

Another "trouble spot" on which the conference focused its attention was the plight of the American Indian, spotlighted recently by widespread suffering among Navajos in Arizona.

Problems in this area of missionary endeavor were pointed up in an

The Eastern Harvester brings fun to these boys and girls



address by Mr. William E. Warne, assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior. Stressing the need for a change in public attitudes and practices toward the American Indian, he called for a "full and functioning citizenship" as the final goal of any Indian rehabilitation program.

He said that present attitudes of discrimination were based on a "stereotype concept" handed down from the past.

"For example," he explained, "traders and public alike resent buying an Indian trinket at a price commensurate with the work involved in making it. This reflects an old and popular belief that the Indian's competence is inferior and therefore not worthy of a fair reward."

Describing specific cases of discrimination in communities neighboring Indian reservations, Mr. Warne said: "Corrupt police ignore the bootlegger who preys on Indians, but arrests the drunken Indian. There are American cities and towns where Indians cannot be served in most restaurants and stores, cannot register at leading hotels, and cannot rent homes in good residential districts."

In line with Mr. Warne's appeal for a "full and functioning citizenship" for the Indian, the Home Missions Council delegates adopted at their final meeting a resolution embodying this goal. The council called on the federal government "to conceive all federal administration of Indian affairs and all programs and plans as an educative process moving toward the goal of unrestricted citizenship for all American Indians."

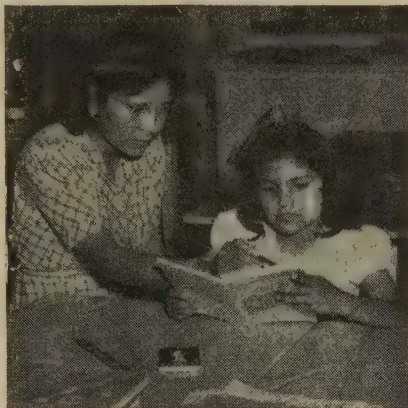
In another move toward integrating the Indian into American community life, the council announced the opening of a social center at Phoenix, Arizona. The center is designed to provide social and religious facilities for Indians who migrated to the city during the war.

In Alaska, a full-time director was appointed at Japonski Island to serve the Indian school and hospital established there.

It was pointed out that these

projects were all interdenominational enterprises, and illustrated the type of work needed to deal with complex missionary fields.

Closely tied in with the problem of developing citizenship rights for the American Indians, was the discussion centering around the problem of race relations, and its importance to interdenominational church planning.



Teaching a young Navajo student enrolled at Cook Christian Training School, Phoenix, Arizona, a new English word

High lighting the discussion of this subject was an address by Dr. Harry V. Richardson, director of the rural training program for the Home Missions Council at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

He predicted that racial tension would continue to grow in northern and western communities, to which southern Negroes continue to migrate. He saw increasing evidence in the North and West of a "racial discrimination pattern similar to that in the South."

As an antidote to this growing tension, he urged the extension of church activity in race relations, with special emphasis upon continued experiments in interracial co-operation and group activity.

As a preliminary step in analyzing community racial problems, the delegates were urged to study the Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights. It was suggested that local churches sponsor groups to study the report, and use it as a basis for improving community race relations.

In rounding out the conference theme, "The World At Our Door," delegates discussed advance programs planned for city and bilingual work, rural training for Negro ministers, and joint missionary enterprises in the West Indies, Alaska, and Hawaii.

The possibility of extending the religious ministry to institutions, such as homes for children and the aged, was brought to the attention of the delegates. They were urged to make community surveys to determine the value of home missionary work in such institutions.

In the closing conference session, delegates voted to re-elect all major officials. These included Mrs. J. D. Bragg, president, of St. Louis, Methodist. She was commended for her skill and tact in guiding the work of the conference. Dr. Willard M. Wickizer, first vice-president, of Indianapolis, Disciples of Christ; Mrs. Abbie Clement Jackson, second vice-president, of Louisville, African Methodist Episcopal; Clifford L. Samuelson, recording secretary, of New York City, Episcopal; and Miss Edna R. Howe, treasurer, of New York City, Baptist.

A MILLION DOLLARS and A MILLION POUNDS

The bishops of our church in a recent statement appealed to Methodists for one million dollars in gifts of money to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and for one million pounds of relief supplies. This goal is to be attained by the General Conference or by May, 1948.

The need is urgent. Sick little children, homeless old folk, weary men and women in hunger, cold and despair, continue to cry for aid. Governmental assistance must be supplemented by voluntary gifts if millions are to be rescued. In over twenty countries we have a special responsibility to fellow Methodists who still suffer. Large sums of money are needed now.

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The Woman's Society of Christian Service in China

By EDITH FREDERICKS

WOMEN from all parts of China gathered in Foochow for the Centennial of Methodism in China, for the Central Conference (which is our national conference in China), and for the first national meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of China since the war and since the organization of the society at the last session of the Central Conference held in Shanghai in April, 1941.

It was a long, hard trip for many who came by launch and sedan chairs over some dangerous waterways and roads; for others it was shorter because they came by plane from the far-off sections of China—for some the only possible way to get there. But every ship that came into Foochow harbor seemed to be filled with men and women on their way to the centennial and to the Central Conference.

Our women lost no time in getting together for inspiration, information, and business. Many had been separated for long years of war and were eager to know what the women in other parts of China were doing in the work of the society. About 150 women were present at that first meeting. All of the national officers were in attendance except the recording and corresponding secretaries, who are on Crusade scholarships in America at present. The meeting was opened with that beautiful old hymn, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God," which was followed by several earnest prayers.

Mrs. Luther Kiang, of Nanking,



Sunshine in any language

was elected secretary. Mrs. Tsao, vice-president, reported for the ad interim committee which carried much of the work through the war years, prepared the handbook, some programs, and projects which had been followed by all the conferences as closely as possible. The visitors were introduced—then the conference representatives and delegates introduced themselves. Ellen Studley acted as interpreter for those not understanding Chinese. A Committee on Nominations was appointed and the meeting adjourned to await the report of this committee the following afternoon.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Miss Mary Sing-Gieu Carleton, of Foochow; vice-president, Mrs. Rachel Wang Chang, of Peiping; recording secretary, Mrs. Luther Kiang, of Nanking; corresponding secretary, Mrs. James Ding, of Foochow; English secretary, Edith Fredericks, of Shanghai; treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Tsao, of Shanghai. The China representative of the World Federation of Methodist Women is Miss Hsui-li Yiu, now at Cornell University,

Ithaca, New York, for a year of special study on rural work. She was the former secretary and has worked faithfully through the war years. She knows the work in China.

The Central Conference was now taking all the mornings and committee work the early half of the afternoons, but the women found time to meet for short periods between social events. A very delightful tea was given for all the delegates at the old-

est girls' school in China, Uk Ing Girls' School. All were interested in seeing the various types of work carried on there, as well as in the rehabilitation center across the street. Our women gathered in the Carleton Chapel, a beautiful, quiet spot in this oldest school, and reports were given by the conference delegates. All showed a tremendous amount of work done during the war years and since then. Peace has really not yet come to all of China. War with the communists rages in parts of the country and some work is closed; bandits are in some other sections; everywhere one sees destroyed property, and in the faces of the people the traces of sorrow and suffering. Notwithstanding all this, there was a beautiful spirit through all the reports. One can but marvel at the amount of work they have done. Last year all the conferences showed a gain in the number of societies and in membership. The projects reported were many. Outside of national and conference projects the local projects varied with the needs of the communities. There was work for

the poor; relief centers; health and food centers; work for needy children; making clothes for babies in hospitals, where the parents had none for them or were not prepared for early arrivals; observing Christian festivals; making others more Christian.

Money had been raised by means of pledges, dues, contributions, gifts, memorials, thank offerings, life and memorial memberships, and in other ways. Some of the poor people and some in rural areas had had no money, but had conscientiously laid aside a certain amount of rice at each meal and had taken it to the church, that the money from its sale might go toward local or conference projects. Others brought produce from their small farms, and some, now reduced in circumstances, from both rural and urban areas, brought a treasured family jewel or other valuable family possession, that they might still have a share in giving for the work of the Kingdom.

At one meeting there was much discussion concerning the need of a society such as the Wesleyan Service Guild for professional and business women in the cities. It was voted to ask the Wesleyan Service Guild at home if it would support a Chinese promotional secretary here for developing such work.

There was also the question of the national project for the next two years. The women wanted this to be a foreign project, and decided on Korea. Therefore we are asking the Woman's Society of Christian Service there for a definite project in their work with women and girls, or children, in southern Korea. Each society will take an offering for this at its Easter meeting, and five per cent of all unallocated conference funds will go toward this project.

Much literature is available now, and so the Chinese women have added a new office, that of conference secretary of Literature and Supplies. This will give the local churches an opportunity to purchase supplies within their own conference—a needed convenience because of the lack of communica-

tion in many areas and the slowness of the mails.

Mrs. Ding suggested special prayer for the development of the spiritual life of our members and local churches, using the noontide hour for this purpose once a week. Others suggested that we add to this continual prayer for our new project in Korea. Both of these suggestions will be added to the other material in the new handbook which will be gotten out by the ad interim committee as soon as possible. This committee will be in Foochow for the next two years and will include the new president, the corresponding secretary, and the president of the Fukien Conference Society, all of whom reside in Foochow. Others will be added.

Reports from the conferences showed a total of 277 societies with 16,669 members in the China Woman's Society of Christian Service. The 1946-47 funds raised by our women in all China amounted to \$184,450,000 (Chinese dollars). It is difficult to estimate what this would be in United States dollars, because exchange has varied to so great a degree in this land of inflation, but probably it would be \$30,000 or more. This represents tremendous sacrifice, but our women seemed happy to share what they had with others.

The study book for this year was written by members of the Yen-ping Conference Society and was printed and published by the Christian Literature Society. It is available for all of the conferences as well as for other denominations in China. This well-written book in

the Chinese language has for its theme, "Thy Kingdom Come," with the chapter headings as follows: Burning Hearts; Promoting the Spiritual Life by Prayer, by Bible Study, by Witnessing; Stewardship of Possessions, of Time, of Talents; Christian Service; Self-support in the Church; Fulfilling Our Commission—The Family for Christ; Our Neighbors for Christ; The World for Christ.

Besides this, Miss Mary Liu of the Christian Literature Society is translating *Great Is the Company*, and began in December to run a chapter monthly. I am writing a worship service to go with each chapter, so the churches will have this material for their meetings. The two books, *In Every Land* and *Around the World With the Bible*, are also being translated and will be available for work with children and youth. The Day of Prayer service has been prepared in Chinese.

There are fine prayer groups in many places where the women are praying regularly, earnestly, and definitely about problems of the local churches and the conferences, as well as for their own land and leaders; many are praying for a better understanding among the nations of the world. Various evangelistic bands go to the villages and to sections of the cities.

We thank God for the fine women of China, for what they have done, and for all that they will do in the future. We realize what a mighty force they can be in the building of the Kingdom. Join with them in prayer and in a new dedication.



Woman's Society members bring their children

In Memoriam

Miss Olive G. Webster, a retired deaconess, who served thirty-one years in the Rock River, Illinois, and Wisconsin Conferences, died in Chelsea, Michigan, on December 8,

lie high school for colored students in Asheville. All thrilled anew at the love and sacrifice of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Pease who gave the property for Allen, and for Miss Alsie B. Dole, who was superin-

sade to reach every individual in every home in every community."

—MARJORIE MINKLER.

Home News Flashes

1947. She was known as a sweet and gracious person wherever she went.

Miss Mattie Wright, pioneer deaconess, passed away on January 5, 1948, after a long illness in a sanatorium in California. She was consecrated to the office of deaconess in 1903 in the first class to be accepted in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Although four others were consecrated in that class, Miss Wright was the first to whom the bishop (Bishop Hendrix) granted the office. She served first in Waco, Texas; later in Los Angeles, St. Louis, and Houston, always pioneering.

Allen High Is Sixty Years Young

Allen High School in Asheville, North Carolina, celebrated its sixtieth anniversary with four days of activity, November 6-9. Guests from Browning Home in Camden, South Carolina; Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina; and MacDonnell School in Houma, Louisiana, joined in the festivities.

Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, resident bishop of the Baltimore Area of the Central Jurisdiction, opened the anniversary with a stirring address on Thursday evening. He paid a glowing tribute to those who had brought the school to its present standing in the state educational program and in the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The high point of the celebration for students, staff, and guests was the pageant, "A School in the Making," presented on Friday evening. This pageant in ten scenes was written and directed by Mrs. Frank A. Tolliver, teacher of dramatics at Stephens-Lee High School, the pub-

lic high school for colored students in Asheville. All thrilled anew at the love and sacrifice of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Pease who gave the property for Allen, and for Miss Alsie B. Dole, who was superin-

tendent of Allen during its first thirty years. On Saturday night a concert was given by the choir of Bennett College in Greensboro. Forty young women furnished an evening of delightful music.

On Sunday afternoon the anniversary service was made meaningful by Mrs. Gibson Packer of Central Methodist Church, Asheville, as she brought greetings from the Woman's Societies of Christian Service of Asheville, and by Mrs. Mildred I. Morgan, family life co-ordinator in the schools of Asheville. Dr. Morgan's address was on the place of women in the church today. Music by the Allen Glee Club was a part of each service.

The inspiration of this sixtieth anniversary has sent faculty and students looking into the future with renewed zeal to make Allen the center of home life and education for Negro girls from communities of western North Carolina, where no accredited high-school work is yet provided.

—MURIEL DAY.

Syrian Boy Sent to Penitentiary

From a report of Rena Lynch, rural worker in Virginia: "This is not a report of what our church has done, but what it might have prevented. Last September a fifteen-year-old boy from Syria shot and killed his father 'because his mother told him to.' As I sat in the crowded court room in Madison, listening to him describe quarrels and scenes which occurred frequently in his home, I could not help thinking that this one case alone is reason enough for The Methodist Church to launch a cru-

Survey in San Antonio

Miss Katharine Arnold, head resident of Wesley Community House, San Antonio, Texas, gives the following: "A survey of the concentrated area of our neighborhood, consisting of eleven blocks, has been made, contacting four hundred and twenty-four homes. We have learned a great deal about our neighborhood through this study and feel it has been well worth while.

"A group of twenty-seven families is being helped to force the owner, from whom they are purchasing homes, to fulfill his part of the contracts. Another family has been given advice and support in dealing with an unjust landlord. In many instances the Mexican people have been unable to protect their rights. Wesley House is helping them in such matters."

—MARY LOU BARNWELL.

Gum Moon Residence Hall

"Recently there has come to live with us a girl who was raised in the former Chinese home. Miss W. had taken care of her when she was a small child. She is a spastic, and as a child could not hold her head still and had great difficulty in articulating. It is wonderful what she has accomplished. One scarcely notices any difficulty now except a slight impediment in her speech. She is a charming young woman and is now attending the San Francisco Junior College. Both her parents are gone, and we are so glad that she again finds 940 Washington Street a real home."

—MIRIAM V. RISTINE.

Good News for Seward Sanatorium

The best Christmas present the Bureau of Medical Work received was the information sent to the secretary by Hon. E. L. Bartlett, delegate from Alaska, that his amendment asking for an emergency appropriation of \$176,000 for

Seward Sanatorium had been passed by both Houses of Congress at its special session.

Already patients are being returned to the sanatorium by the Alaska Native Service, and at this writing 106 patients from all agencies are receiving care and treatment in this fine institution.

—MRS. ROBERT STEWART.

Missionary Rest Home, Chautauqua

"Twenty-five missionaries were at our Missionary Rest Home at Chautauqua, New York, last summer. About half were from the home field and half from the foreign. The latter represented North Africa, India, Burma, China, Korea, Argentina, Peru, and Cuba—an interesting group, with pleasant associations.

"There were also interesting visitors—some of our Division officers and a large group from Erie Conference.

"For missionaries—both retired and active—\$1.50 per day covers all expenses of board and room. Applications should be made at once to the hostess, Mrs. Estella S. Howard, 119 Parkway, Trussville, Alabama."

Indian Work

From Dr. Mark A. Dawber's annual report to the Home Missions Council of North America: "The advances made in this area of service during the year have been notable, for there has been an outstanding expansion in leadership and service. A full-time worker has been appointed in the Navajo territory to engage in and promote literacy education. Not more than ten per cent of the 60,000 Navajos can speak English, and comparatively few of the Navajos who do not speak English can read and write in the Navajo language. Miss Irene E. Hoskins, trained in the realm of linguistics, has been assigned to this service. In this undertaking we are indebted to the Committee on World Literacy of the Foreign Missions Conference for financial and moral support.

This is the agency undergirding the program of which Dr. Frank Laubach is the leader.

"During the war years many Indians moved off the reservation to work in the cities, creating an important new field of ministry. A social center has been established at Phoenix, Arizona, and a full-time director appointed. He is assisted by workers from the Cook Christian Training School.

"A worker has been secured also to serve in several cities in South Dakota, where similar migrations have occurred.

"Following my visit to Alaska an arrangement was effected between the Alaska and Indian Committees for placing a director on Japonski Island, where an Indian school and hospital have been established, at which the Alaska Native Service requested our co-operation. A full-time worker was also supported in the Indian Hospital at Tacoma, Washington, and a part-time

worker in the Indian Hospital at Talihina, Oklahoma.

"These new workers, together with the staff already employed in the Indian schools, constitute a real advance in missionary service and deserve the increased financial support from mission boards that the program calls for. . . .

"We would call your attention to the conditions of acute need that exist among the Navajo Indians. Their plight has been highly publicized in the daily press, so it is not necessary for me to repeat the details. We desire to report, however, that members of the Indian Committee, together with representatives of other Indian agencies, took an active part in the pressure brought upon Congress to act immediately to provide relief for these stricken people. The \$2,000,000 appropriated by Congress will be of great help, and we take pride in the fact that we had some part in securing this legislation."

A MILLION DOLLARS and A MILLION POUNDS

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Collections of used clothing, bedding, canned goods, wheat, raw cotton and dried fruits, should be made, and sent to your nearest *Church World Service Center*.

Church World Service Centers are as follows:

236 Beacon St., Boston 16, Mass.	740 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans 16, La.
214 E. 21st St., New York 10, N. Y.	1050 4th Ave., S., Seattle 4, Wash.
New Windsor, Maryland.	2534 Florida Ave., Richmond, Calif.
134 Patterson Blvd., Dayton 2, Ohio	7110 Compton Ave., Los Angeles 1, Calif.
510 S. Elm Ave., Webster Groves, Mo.	

Inquiries concerning bulk shipments of grain and cotton should go to:

Christian Rural Overseas Program
308 West Washington St., Chicago 6, Ill.

All gifts of money and other inquiries should be sent to the

Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief
150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Arrivals in America for Furlough

Africa: The Misses Victoria Lang, Eaton, Indiana; Ruth Thomas, 1117 Baugh Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois.

India: The Misses Ruth Cox,

After visiting the work in these two places she returned to Foochow for the celebration which was held there starting November 15, marking the anniversary of the beginning of work in China one hundred

I pray this India may have a great future.

"The Service of Inauguration of the church of South India in the beautiful Madras Cathedral was an unforgettable experience. We felt we experienced the blessing of the Holy Spirit uniting men and women of different countries and church affiliations (Indians, American and British; Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists). As more than a thousand partook of the Holy Communion together, we felt that Christ's desire, 'that they all may be one,' was in part being fulfilled."

Sumatra

Miss Freda Chadwick writes: "Things are far from normal here. Many things are not available, food prices many times those of prewar days. Rice sells at 50 guilder cents a kilo in the official 'distribution' but on the open market at five times that. The price on open market varies from place to place and from time to time. Since rice constitutes the bulk of the diet of the local population and not everyone is entitled to 'distribution' supplies, and since the ration of rice issued there does not suffice for rice-eating Asiatics, their cost of living is many times prewar unless they raise some rice. Textile prices are 20 to 30 times prewar except for the small amount of cloth available through 'distribution' to those who receive it.

"The U. S. dollar is officially worth 2.64 guilders at the banks but on the open market it will bring sometimes 10, sometimes 18 guilders. It is amazing to see the once stable guilder so fluctuating, for it held its own all through the depression years, and in 1942 the American dollar brought only f1.87 although par is f2.50. Here in Sumatra large areas are still not 'opened up.'

"All of Tapanuli, where most of the membership of the great Batak Church reside, is still closed territory. The southern half of our Methodist field on the East Coast is still closed and our workers there

Foreign News Flashes

404 S. Seneca Street, Wichita, Kansas; Meriel McCall, 5608 11th Avenue, N. E., Seattle, Washington; Lucille Webster, 390 Hovey Street, Gary, Indiana.

China: Miss Pearl Fosnot, 867 S. Reservoir, Pomona, California.

Argentina: Miss Katherine M. Donahue, 5526 Irving Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Brazil: Miss Mary McSwain, Mineral Springs, Ark.

Peru: Miss Jane Hahne, Irish-town, R. D. 2, Bridgeville, Pennsylvania.

Uruguay: Miss Marian Derby, Frewsburg, New York.

Mexico: Miss May B. Seal, 611 E. Grundy Street, Tullahoma, Tennessee.

Recently Sailed For

India: The Misses Ruth Eveland, Gladys Webb, Minnie Mae Bomar, Elizabeth Lott (librarian, Leonard Theological College, Jubulpore).

Cuba: Miss Marjorie Hein.

Colombia (for language study): The Misses Gladys Lynch and Dorothy Sandfort.

Peru: Miss Treva Overholt.

China

Miss Louise Robinson, secretary for China, sailed for China September 5, 1947, and arrived in Shanghai October 19. After a few days in Shanghai she flew, in two hours and forty minutes, to Foochow. A few hours after her arrival there, she left to visit Nanping and Hinghwa, this time not by air, but by a boat which was rowed and poled, by sedan chair, on foot, and in an antiquated bus.

years ago. Later she went to Soochow in the East China Conference to attend a similar celebration to commemorate the beginning of the work there by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Miss Robinson writes that schools are full and overflowing, that hospitals are working at full speed, that government schools have Christian Fellowship groups and that the opportunities are tremendous.

Some of the Chinese Crusade scholars who came to the United States for study, have finished their work here and are returning to strengthen the leadership forces in China. Mrs. Ren-chi Chang is returning to the Baldwin School in Kiangsi, where she is the principal. Miss Hilda Chang and Miss Fidelia Ling are returning to work in West China, and Miss Kuan-yu Chen is going back to McTyeire School in Shanghai, of which she is the dean; Miss Bei-sih Dzung, principal of McTyeire Primary School No. 1, returned to China on November 5.

India

Miss Nora Brockway, president of St. Christopher's Training College, Madras, writes: "The year 1947 was memorable in South India for two great days—August 15, when India gained her independence, and September 27, when the church of South India was inaugurated. We spent August 15 in college and we were caught up on that happy day by the spontaneous joy of our students. It is true that the memory of that joyful day has been clouded by the tragic events that have taken place in North India, but I still think it was right for Britain to withdraw from India and

cannot be contacted and so conference cannot meet. Some of our pastors and our two Batak district superintendents are going to Singapore as guests of the Malaya Conference.

"Since I lived in the southern part of the Asahan District, I have been unable to contact any of my fellow workers there or to learn of the state of the church in that region. We pray that negotiations on the Renville will end the present untenable situation and bring real peace and co-operation for the good of all the people of this land.

Southern Rhodesia

Miss Marguerite Deyo is now renewing acquaintances in Southern Rhodesia after a year of furlough. She has written: "Last week I visited one of our outstations, which I visited many times when I was here before. I was pleased to see not only people whom I knew previously, but the great number of other people who have taken an interest in the church. It was remarkable to see the advance that has been made in the two years in which I was absent.

"My heart rejoiced in one incident that took place during the service. Three women were taken into the Woman's Fellowship of the church; one of whom was a heathen woman five years ago. She had had a very terrific struggle when she gave herself to Jesus Christ. I remember so well her battle and the wonderful victory that came to her. Throughout the years that I have known her she has displayed a very radiant Christian life. How happy I was to be present last Sunday to see this woman become a member of the Woman's Group."

Europe

Miss Hyla Stuntz, who has been working in CIMADE in France is now working with CIMADE in the French Zone in Germany. The following is a quotation from one of her interesting letters: "Many of the young people here feel deeply frustrated because whichever way

they turn, and however hard they try to be positive and constructive, they seem to encounter only closed doors. An occupation is always arbitrary. Travel between the different zones is very restricted. News is sifted and censored. But above all, the young people feel rebuffed and rejected by all the world. One of the most helpful things is to get permission for small groups to get out of Germany for a little while to conferences or on scholarships. (This takes anywhere from 3 to 6 months of war with the red tape of Military Government offices!) Books (history, sociology, philosophy, politics, religion) and periodicals are also a great help, for practically nothing is appearing in Germany now, or is printed in such small quantities that one cannot find copies.

"There are, however, open doors also. The Christian church is by far the most important and most effective of these 'open doors.' The mutual aid program (Hilfswerk) of the Protestant church in Germany helps to develop a sense of community and of common responsibility. People know that they still have value when they are needed to help someone else. The church is also organizing very good work with the church young people. But above all, the church is universal, and through the World Council, through the re-establishment of relations with the churches in other countries, through help sent, through the people who come to visit, the doors of Christian fellowship are being opened. And this is extremely important. In general the youth of Germany are in an explosive condition, and if all they encounter in the world is negative and drives them deeper into nihilism already all too easy, they will constitute a danger for Europe and for the world. And if they encounter that which is positive—positive in a realistic and not a sentimental sense—many of them will be capable of making a rich contribution wherever they are. Oslo, the Scout Jamboree, the ecumenical conference in Basle last year, and many other such international gath-

erings of Christian youth here in Europe have, and will continue to have, a positive, constructive effort."

Latin America

Miss Yvone Henriques, graduate of the home economics course in Bennett College, Rio de Janeiro, and teacher of that subject in Belo Horizonte, is studying home economics in Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. Her year in the States has been made possible by the Wesleyan Service Guilds of Kansas.

Miss Violeta Cavallero, Crusade scholar at Scarritt, was appointed by the Federation of Methodist Women in Uruguay to be their representative at the meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women to be held at the time of the General Conference in Boston.

Colegio Piracicabano, Piracicaba, Brazil, has received permission from the government to include a normal course in its curriculum. This will be called the Martha Watts Normal School, honoring the founder of this institution the oldest of the Woman's Division schools in Brazil.

Miss Sara Fernandez writes from Omaja, Cuba: "Recently I had quite an experience. I was out visiting and found a lady in great pain and with a high fever. With the help of a young fellow and his jeep, I took her to Buenaventura to the doctor. He said she had an acute attack of appendicitis and must be taken to the hospital at once. So we put her in the jeep again and drove to Holguin to the Municipal Hospital. An hour later she had been operated on and was back in her bed. She didn't have a cent for the hospital, but God made everything possible through the help of the young man, his jeep, the kindness of the doctors, and the money that some of you had sent to help with the clinic."

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and
A MILLION POUNDS**

Service of Remembrance

THE OPEN DOOR

By MRS. WILLIAM H. COLE

SONG: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (Congregation)

POEM: "The Presence of God"
(First Reader)

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

There is no haste in the presence of God;

There is no waste in the presence of God;

There is no flurry, there is no worry,
But perfect rest in the presence of God.

There are no fears in the presence of God;

No bitter tears in the presence of God;
No backward sorrows, no dread to-morrows,

But golden years in the presence of God.

There is no pain in the presence of God;

No tension, no strain in the presence of God;

From every disease, His healing touch frees,
And restores us again in the presence of God.

They hear His voice in the presence of God;

Breathe in His breath in the presence of God;

They eat of the trees of life, full and free;

There is no death in the presence of God. —A. V. Middleton.

SCRIPTURE: John 10:7-11. (Second Reader)

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

TRIBUTE AND ROLL CALL BY DISTRICTS (First Reader)

(Organ plays softly, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" through roll call.)

Year by year, one after one, we bid farewell to those who were fellow laborers in our midst. To them, as to us, life in its earthly phase presented at once a joyous opportunity and a solemn responsibility. They go before us, presenting themselves at the open door, candidates for the larger life. Their work has been well done; we reap the harvest of their planting. Forth from our fellowship this year have gone these friends:

(Placing of crosses or flowers by district representatives.)

HYMN OF TRIUMPH (Soloist)

HYMN OF TRIUMPH

(Sung to tune of "Finlandia")

Today, no, yesterday, no, day before
I plowed the field, so swift time passes by.

Today, no, yesterday, no, day before,
I planted grain beneath the morning sky.

I reaped the grain. So swift time passes by

Today the snow-clad fields in beauty lie.

Tomorrow, someone else will plow the field;

Will plant, will reap; my place to him I yield;

I do not sigh, nor grieve at all, for I
Am done with time, I greet Eternity.

Ho! Warden of the gate! (I do not fear.)

An humble worker stands in waiting here.

—Susan Burton Wright,
Georgetown, Texas.

SCRIPTURES "The Exalted Lord"
(Second Reader)

(Twenty-seventh Sunday, second reading, verses 1-8, *The Methodist Hymnal*.) Secure from hymnal.

SCRIPTURE: "The Triumph of the Gospel" (First Reader)

(Fifty-third Sunday, second reading, verses 1-6, 13, 14, 16, *The Methodist Hymnal*.)

THE TRIUMPH OF THE GOSPEL

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people.

And God himself shall be with them, and be their God; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain;

For the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

There shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun;

For the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

POEM

What must it be to step on shore and find it—Heaven;

To take hold of a hand and find it—God's hand;

To breathe a new air and find it—Celestial air;

To feel invigorated and find it—Immortality;

To rise from the care and turmoil of earth into one unbroken calm;

To wake up and find it—Glory!

—Unidentified.

—From *The Pocket Book of Faith*—copyrighted by *The Upper Room*—1945.

SONG: "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand" (Congregation standing and joining)

BENEDICTION (Pastor or First Reader)

THE METHODIST WOMAN

Women in Paths of Service

By MRS. H. W. BLAND DETWILER

CHOICE are the words of this subject—also those of the devotional theme: "Whose Daughters Are Not Afraid." Very soul-searching thoughts are these, as we make His way known.

During the days of the annual meeting of our Board of Missions and Church Extension, those in attendance were constantly in the presence of the humble great walking in paths of service. Bishop Arthur J. Moore, in presenting Mrs. Whitambar for morning devotions, used that beautiful phrase from Mark 14:3, *There came a woman.* . . . How wonderful!

I. PERSONAL PREPARATION. A. Prayer is the first step. Pray that we may so present the lives of these daughters unafraid, that our women will go home feeling a spirit of real kinship to them.

B. Read the material for the month, first in *Program Material** and then in *Worship Services*.*

II. INVITATIONS. A. Divide the women members of your church (not just the Woman's Society members this time) into the five national groups represented by the women whom we shall meet in this program. This will work in a small or a large society.

B. In the larger societies each circle may wish to take the name of a country mentioned in the above groupings and invite neighbors, friends, or anyone who, either directly or through ancestry, is from that country.

C. If you have a very ambitious group—small or large—use the "Call for Me" plan! Notify inactive or nonmembers that they will be called for at a certain time. Have the Membership Committee furnish list of names to a caravan of cars.

D. The publicity group may

make invitations on outline maps of the five countries, each woman receiving the map of the country assigned her.

III. ATMOSPHERE. A. A worship center composed of the picture, "Christ in Gethsemane," crude wooden candlesticks, bare surroundings, dim lights—suggestive of privations.

B. Flags of the five countries mentioned in *Program Material*.*

C. Articles, interesting letters, and pictures from these countries.

IV. PROGRAM. The effectiveness of the presentation will depend on how truly anxious you are to have your women love, as never before, the thousands of Christian women who are our sisters in other lands.

A. See *Program Material** and *Worship Services** for definite helps (both A and B Programs for May).

B. Ask help of any friends in your town or community who have had experiences in any one of these countries.

C. Develop monologues for each of the five characters: (1) Give stories in first person; make use of costumes and simple lighting. For the "daughter" in the Netherlands, use a very bare setting; dim lights in the beginning; as she hears the singing of "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," the lights grow brighter. When she says, "My cell was no longer that horrible . . ." (page 67, *Program Material**), have all the lights turned on. She should stand very erect and radiant during a moment of silence. (2) The stories are rich in pantomime possibilities, for example: "Madame Jouret." (3) Like a breath of spring fragrance, out of many persecutions, comes the sweet life of Suzette Trellis. (3) If you have a recording machine available, you might

make a record—carefully worked out in dialogue or trialogue—of the story, "A Daughter in England." At the time of the meeting, play the record behind the scene as if the message were being broadcast. (4) "A Daughter in the Philippines" might well speak before your offering. Have her bring out the following strong points: (a) "Life to us took on a new meaning." (b) "My life is now different, as is that of hundreds of young people whose privilege it has been to get an education in a mission school." (*Program Material**, page 73.) (c) "Our church people carry on steadfastly, putting aside pettiness and bickering, and share what little they had." (d) The whole setup for May makes a perfectly wonderful World Federation meeting, luncheon, tea, or small group study. Check THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK for further materials. Give to each member the latest World Federation material. (e) Part of this material may be used as a Mother-and-Daughter program. The use of your choice of several of these noble characters done in a carefully rehearsed story would make a Mother-and-Daughter banquet a "never-to-be-forgotten" affair. Dolls dressed as mothers and daughters of Holland, Belgium, France, England, and the Philippines would make attractive table centers.

V. FELLOWSHIP. If groups are used such as suggested under "Invitations," have each group get together and become acquainted. Plan to call "in twos" on each of the women whom you want to interest in the society.

(For further suggested action, see page 75, *Program Material*.)*

* *Program Material* and *Worship Services* are available from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, and Distributing Offices.

The United States and European Recovery

By ELEANOR NEFF, Associate Secretary

What Is ERP?

THE European Recovery Program. Not just more relief, but a plan to enable Europe to rebuild her shattered economy and to become self-supporting in four and one-quarter years.

How Did It Start?

1. *The Suggestion.* On June 5, 1947, Secretary of State George Marshall suggested that the United States consider assisting the countries of Europe, if they would agree as to their needs and what they themselves could do.

2. *Preliminary Plans* were made on both sides of the Atlantic. In Europe, sixteen nations accepted an invitation to meet in Paris in July. The committee made studies and drew up a report in September.

The sixteen countries are: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

In the United States, the President's Economic Committee, the Krug Committee, the Nourse Committee, and the bipartisan Harri- man Committee of top businessmen, made studies of economic conditions, the financial situation, and available materials. They were in agreement that the United States can assist Europe without damaging its own economy, and should undertake to do so.

3. *The Administration Program.* This program, based on the above reports, suggested the form assistance should take and the machinery necessary to make aid effective.

Questions Frequently Asked About ERP

Why Is Europe in Such Trouble?

The war left cities in shambles, factories and mines destroyed, transportation and finances disrupted, agriculture sharply reduced, and the strength and skill of the people badly sapped.

Why Should the United States Help Europe?

1. *Humanitarian reasons.* We want people to get enough to eat, to have productive jobs, to improve their conditions of life.

2. *Economic reasons.* *Helping Europe helps ourselves.* The sixteen countries in the ERP took 85 per cent of our total exports in 1938, and 21 per cent of our imports came directly from them.

Also aiding Europe can bring about a *chain reaction of prosperity* in most parts of the world. Western Europe, with its population of over 270 million people, normally accounts for more than one half of international trade.

3. *World Peace.* Unless Europe achieves economic health there will be little chance of political stability and international peace.

What ERP May Mean to the United States

To share the relative abundance with which we are blessed may require such steps as the following: the determined effort to bring down prices, the maximum use of grains for human consumption rather than for excessive feeding of livestock or for the liquor industry; continued import and export controls, voluntary saving of food, price control of key commodities in short supply, and consumer rationing of food.

Also, the renewal by the United States of the Reciprocal Trade Program, which expires next June, is an essential step.

Is East-West Trade Important?

Normally, food and materials such as timber and coal produced in Eastern Europe have been exchanged for the manufactured goods of Western Europe. Recent statistics showing a growing volume of trade between the East and West, suggest that despite political differences, economic relations may improve. If they do not, the reconstruction of Europe's economy will be far more difficult and costly.

What About the United Nations?

When the United States made its first proposal, it never mentioned the U.N. Nor did the Western nations attempt to put the ERP into U.N. channels.

The administration refers to the inadequate equipment of the U.N. agencies and the danger that East-West disagreement would have delayed and obstructed reconstruction. The administration also points out that the objectives of the ERP are in accord with those of the U.N., and that our government has welcomed the declaration of the sixteen countries that they desire to make the fullest use of the U.N. machinery.

What the Administration Bill says about U.N. co-operation: Reports of the progress of ERP would be sent regularly to the Secretary General of the U.N., and U.N. machinery would be used where possible. Funds appropriated under the ERP could be made available to U.N. organs and the specialized agencies to carry out parts of the

programs. The chief United States representative in Europe might also be the delegate to the U.N.'s Commission for Europe.

Should Aid Go to Germany?

It is important that the revival of Germany be correlated with the needs of the rest of Europe. However, Germany must be brought under U.N. control to prevent its being used as a military and economic bulwark against Russia. The international control of the Ruhr is desirable.

Is ERP Different from the Truman Doctrine?

When Secretary Marshall made his proposal he announced that *all* war-ravaged countries were eligible for help. Russia and the Eastern countries excluded themselves. The President's program would leave the doors open for participation by Eastern Europe.

The United States excluded Russia from a share in the over-all solution of the problem of Greece. Our aid there is limited to one political faction and clearly directed against another, and is military as well as economic.

The Administration Bill

Among the purposes of the bill would be those of promoting industrial and agricultural production, the restoration of sound currencies, and stimulation of international trade.

Any country in Europe, including its colonies and dependencies, and including the zones of occupation in Germany, accepting the principles of the bill may participate.

The administrator might make *advances of funds* after a participating nation has concluded an agreement with the United States.

Aid would be extended partly as *loans* and partly as *grants*, depending upon the estimated capacity of a particular country to repay, without endangering its recovery.

An appropriation is requested for \$8 billion dollars to cover the first fifteen months of the program. Congress must first accept the program before the Appropriation

Committees act on the appropriation. Further appropriations for the ERP will be made on a year-to-year basis.

The President would be authorized to request the co-operation of the U.N.; and he would be required to make quarterly reports to Congress.

Issues Still to Be Settled

The main areas of controversy in Congress are centering around these questions:

1. Can the amount be whittled down?
2. Who should administer the aid: the State Department or an independent agency?
3. What conditions determine the use of aid?

Can Amount Be Whittled Down?

While it is impossible to know exactly the correct figure, it would

Woman's Division Action Regarding ERP

(Adopted September 16, 1947)

Since hunger, poverty, desperation, and chaos still threaten Europe, and since this crisis confronts the United States with . . . the long-range problem of helping Europe toward full economic recovery, we therefore recommend that the Woman's Division urge:

(a) The early appropriation of funds by Congress to implement the Marshall proposal for European reconstruction.

(b) Official assurance that as plans progress, United Nations' machinery, such as the Economic Commission for Europe, be used wherever possible. Also further assurances that the United States does not intend to use its power for the domination of any country's political or economic philosophy.

(c) Necessary adjustments in our domestic economy to enable the United States to make available adequate supplies for supplementing European reconstruction needs.

(Secure copies of the Federal Council of Churches' statement regarding *The Churches and the European Recovery Program*, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., at \$4.00 per hundred or 5 cents each.)

appear that the sum proposed is a conservative figure for the first year. If too little is available, there will be a recurring need for relief.

It is also important that aid be given promptly, for the fifteen-months' program should begin April 1, 1948, when the interim aid program comes to an end.

Who Should Administer Aid?

The State Department or an independent agency?

The *President's plan* recommends setting up an administering agency under a single head. He would be responsible to the President, and would take direction from the Secretary of State on matters affecting foreign policy.

The *other major plan*, outlined in the *Herter Bill*, would place authority in the hands of an independent government corporation under the direction of a bipartisan, eight-man board.

This plan would seem to run contrary to the Constitution which makes the President, through the Department of State, responsible for foreign policy.

A compromise is likely.

What Conditions Determine the Use of Aid?

Conditions that assure the effective use of aid should imply that the nations must make every effort to live up to production goals, financial stability, and economic co-operation. Any additional special conditions can be written into an agreement, but there should be flexibility to meet many unpredictable factors.

THE MAIN POINTS to keep in mind regarding ERP legislation:

1. Adequate and prompt appropriation.
2. A program flexible enough to meet changing conditions.
3. Safeguards to insure adequate use of funds but *no interference with internal political or economic policies*.
4. Sound administration with sufficient authority and flexibility,

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A New Mission Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service

By MRS. ELOISE A. WOOLEVER, *Executive Secretary Woman's Section of the Joint Division*

A SIGNIFICANT forward step has been taken in Hawaii in the organization of the Hawaii Mission Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. Eighty years ago, a group of women met to form the first society of Methodist women in Hawaii. Through the years, various woman's organizations have been formed and for several years there has been a strong Woman's Society of Christian Service in the First Church, Honolulu. In July, 1946, a second Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized at Oahu, largely through the efforts of Dr. Alice Appenzeller. Last year a flourishing Wesleyan Service Guild came into existence at First Church, Honolulu.

When the new superintendent of Hawaii Mission, Dr. Roy L. Ruth, began his work last year, Mrs. Ruth determined to become acquainted with the churches to see if more Woman's Societies could be organized. She writes about her experience in these words:

"As we traveled from island to island I found a rather discouraged attitude everywhere. The language barrier in many places makes a Woman's Society of Christian Service quite impossible. The total ignorance about our woman's work was appalling. Many had never heard about the Woman's Society of Christian Service so naturally had taken no steps toward starting one. There are many women's organizations in the Methodist churches of the territory called everything from Mothers of Mercy to Ladies' Aid—but there is little resemblance between the organization and program of these groups



Mrs. Roy L. Ruth

and our Woman's Society of Christian Service. We talked with some of the women and with the missionaries. Three said that they would try to organize if I would get them the material and help them get started. We tried to find something in Japanese, Korean, and Filipino, but were unsuccessful.

"Returning from this tour of our work on the other islands, I called the women of Oahu together at Susannah Wesley Home and reported. Then I told them about the three missionary rallies the superintendent had planned for Oahu, explaining that I would have one hour to present the work of the Woman's Society.

"I ordered twenty-six dollars' worth of material and supplies to be on hand when the rallies were held. These rallies were well attended and the women were interested. Since then I have worked in individual churches until we now have seven societies and one Wesleyan Service Guild."

With this nucleus it was decided to form a Mission Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. A day was set to make plans for the organization meeting. Every society was asked to send a representative to be on the nominating committee to choose the conference officers. On the day appointed, November 4, the women met and laid their plans for the "big day," which they set as December 4. They decided to have nine officers and that each society should have at least one conference officer. The plans worked out according to schedule.

On December 4, the women met at First Church, Honolulu. The presidents of the various Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the territory were asked to sign the secretary's book, listing the name of their church, the president's name and the number of members from that church that were to be the charter members of the new organization. The number of charter members totaled 325.

A stimulating program was given. Dr. Ruth installed the officers who represent three races. Greetings were read from Division and jurisdiction officers, as well as from societies in Massachusetts and Kansas. Dr. Henry Appenzeller, pastor of First Church, closed the meeting.

So, auspiciously begins this new conference organization. There are many difficulties; transportation between the islands is one, language barriers another; but with the enthusiasm and devotion already shown by the women we predict a bright future for this infant Hawaiian Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.



Libraries and Reading Circles



By LILLA MILLS, *Secretary*

EVERY secretary of Missionary Education and Service is eager to find ways of getting missionary information to the women in the local society. She knows that no one is going to be inspired to action who does not know the conditions in the world and the program of the church for reaching a world community. In an effort to reach the women with these facts, the secretary of Missionary Education serves on the program committee and the Study and Action Committee. In addition to these there are other avenues through which she may be able to reach the women of the society with information.

Each quarter there are two questions on the report of the secretary of Missionary Education which, if taken seriously, might not only affect the lives of the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, but might also help the total church program: "Do you have a church library?" and "Do you have reading circles using suggested reading materials?"

The question, "Do you have a church library?" is not intended to end the secretary of Missionary Education scurrying off to build a library for the Woman's Society of Christian Service in competition with the church library which is a going concern in some churches. Rather implied in the question is the suggestion that the Woman's Society co-operate with the pastor and the Board of Education in initiating a church library where there is no library in the church, or that the Woman's Society of Christian Service feel a responsibility for adding books on missions to the church library where it is already established. The whole idea is that books on missions as well as other subjects be made available to the constituency of the entire church.

The following list of books may prove helpful to the group who is starting a church library. It is not a very comprehensive list, but it gives an idea of some current books which might form the nucleus for a beginning library:

Order from publisher listed

- Wilson, D. C.—*The Brother*, Westminster Press, N. Y., \$2.50.
 Wilson, D. C.—*The Herdsman*, Westminster Press, N. Y., \$3.00.
 Turnbull, A. S.—*The Bishop's Mantle*, Macmillan, N. Y., \$3.00.
 Maus, C. P.—*Christ and the Fine Arts*, Harpers, N. Y., \$4.95.
 Luccock, H. E.—*The Questing Spirit*, Coward-McCann, Inc., N. Y., \$5.00.
 Abernethy, J. B.—*Meditations for Women*, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, N. Y., \$1.00.
 Liebman, J. L.—*Peace of Mind*, Simon and Schuster, N. Y., \$2.50.
 Lewis, C. S.—*Miracles*, Macmillan, N. Y., \$2.50.
 du Noëy, L.—*Human Destiny*, Longmans, Green, N. Y., \$3.50.
 Gunther, J.—*Inside U.S.A.*, Harpers, N. Y., \$5.00.
 Dallin, D. J.—*The Real Soviet Russia*, Yale University Press, New Haven, Conn., \$3.50.
 Glueck, N.—*The River Jordan*, Westminster Press, N. Y., \$3.50.
 Lauterbach, R. E.—*Danger from the East*, Harpers, N. Y., \$4.50.
 Utley, F.—*Last Chance for China*, Bobbs-Merrill, N. Y., \$3.50.
 Van Dusen, H. P.—*World Christianity Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow*, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, N. Y., \$1.00.
 Leiper, H. S.—*Christianity Today*, Morehouse-Gorham, N. Y., \$5.00.
 Allen, F. Lewis—*I Remember Distinctly*, Harpers, N. Y., \$5.00.
 McCutcheon—*Hymnody*, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, N. Y., \$3.50.
 Abingdon—*Bible Commentary*, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, N. Y., \$6.00.

It is important to remember that your church library should be a growing one. In nearly every church there are those who keep abreast of the times by reading the latest books and magazines. Current books on missions and other religious themes might have a real appeal for such persons if these books were to be found in the church library, or if it were sug-

gested to them that they could be borrowed from the public library. Ask the librarian in your town to list the newest books on world affairs and missions so that this list may be made available to the women in the society. Make it a practice to add some books to your library each quarter. The following current ones would make splendid additions now:

- Latourette and Hogg—*Tomorrow Is Here*, Friendship Press, N. Y., \$1.50.
 Lacy, Walter N.—*A Hundred Years of China Methodism*, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, N. Y., \$3.50.
 Hagedorn—*Prophet in the Wilderness* (The Story of Albert Schweitzer), Macmillan Co., N. Y., \$3.00.
 Herman—*The Rebirth of the German Church*, Harper Bros., N. Y., \$2.50.
 Vance—*All These People*, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C., \$5.00.
 To Secure These Rights (A Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights), \$1.00. Order from your nearest Methodist Publishing House.

Reading circles offer another medium for increasing the volume of reading of the women who attend the Woman's Society of Christian Service and enlarging the number of those who are reached by missionary materials. There are many types of reading circles and it would be impossible to enumerate the different kinds. One of the most effective, however, is the one planned in connection with the home department of the church school. Many church schools have a home department or someone who enrolls the sick, the shut-ins, and those who for any reason are kept from attending the regular services of the church school. These persons are visited regularly and are supplied with church-school materials. By co-operating with the home department superintendent the secretary of Missionary Education may supplement these materials with leaflets, magazines, and books which deal specifically with missions.

The Gospel According to Anita

By MARION LELA NORRIS

IN THE New Testament at the beginning of each of the four Gospels are the words "The Gospel according to"—St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, St. John.

Miss Lena C. Knapp, our Guild missionary in Buenos Aires, tells a story of one of her students at the Theological Seminary who encountered many and various difficulties as she was taking her training in preparation for Christian work; how her stature and her physical health prevented her from entering the profession of her choice. But she became a pastor's assistant in a parish extending fifty miles and including nine churches. So great was her devotion to the work of her Saviour and so like him were her attitudes, her words, and her acts, that "the gospel according to Anita" was more thoroughly read day by day in that parish than were the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

When I read this story (which you, too, may read in "The Vocation of Being a Christian" in the new program book *At the Desk Next to Mine**) I began to wonder what would happen in our parishes if names of our Guild and Woman's Society members, church members, and members of the official board were inserted instead of "Anita."

Jeep and Trailer: 1947

The jeep the Guild sent to Miss Mildred Anne Paine and her staff at Ai Kei Gakuen in Tokyo is rendering great service. Miss Paine asked the Guild office to express appreciation to each Guild unit and every member and friend who gave something to make this gift possible.

Several have inquired whether sufficient funds have been received. We are happy to state that the annual report showed the jeep entirely paid for, with a balance. We propose to use this in the ways that Ai Kei Gakuen requests and hope every contributor will heartily approve. Miss Paine had two immediate needs. First, medicines of various kinds to help cure and prevent the diseases that thrive on undernourishment. The many food packages the Guild is sending are the best preventive measures. Please keep on sending food and warm clothing.

Second, Ai Kei Gakuen asked for window shades. There were none left!

Miss Paine's last letter said: "Thank the Guild for the unnumbered ways it strengthens us and frees us in this service!"

Aldersgate Camp: 1948

This year the Guild is undertaking another urgent supply-work project, this time in the Home Field.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service recently made a grant of \$25,000 to purchase property to provide facilities for the training of peoples of all races for Christian service in Arkansas.

One hundred and twenty acres, formerly a turkey farm, about four miles west of Little Rock, have been purchased, and are to be developed into "The Aldersgate Camp for Christian Workers."

"Aldersgate has been chosen as the name because it is the heritage of all Methodists. Just as John Wesley had that heart-warming experience which changed his life, so may those who enter these grounds of Aldersgate have deep religious experiences which shall make them more consecrated Christian leaders,

better able to serve their church, their community, and the world."

South Central and Central Jurisdiction churches and the Colored Methodist Episcopal churches will use the camp, which will be open also to Girl and Boy Scouts, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., and other character-building agencies.

The Standing Committee of the Guild believes that all Guilds will wish to earmark some cash for supply work to this camp to hasten its equipment and use. Send all money through the regular channels designated "Wesleyan Service cash" for supply work—Aldersgate Camp in Arkansas."

New Project in Ewha College

Many of our Guild members helped to provide funds to establish the home economics department for Ewha College, which has been such a popular department not only among the college girls but also their fiancés who wanted their future wives to be well equipped for building a beautiful home life.

The college has decided to bring a member of the home economics faculty to the States for a year of study and the money is coming from the sale of *Korean Recipes*.

Here is a chance to help someone else while you help yourself, or to make a gift to a young bride. This cookbook contains 100 recipes carefully prepared and rechecked and nine illustrations, in an oriental cover, and sells for only \$1.00.

Order from Literature Headquarters or Miss Harriett Morris, 1155 N. River Boulevard, Wichita 3, Kansas, who will see that all proceeds are used to provide funds for the Ewha instructor's study here.

Why not order ten copies today? Let us know how many your unit sells.

* Obtainable at Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, and Distributing Offices. Price, 50 cents.

Student Service

By MRS. DAVID CATHCART, *Secretary of Student Work, Southeastern Jurisdiction*

THE MONTH of June offers two excellent opportunities for service in which the local student secretary may co-operate. Every church should observe Student Day and the Student Work secretary may share with the minister and his Board of Education in planning this day in her church. Just what is meant by Methodist Student Day? The General Conference of 1940 changed the name of Children's Day to Methodist Student Day. The offering taken on this day goes to the Student Loan and Scholarship Fund. The Loan Fund is a revolving one from which Methodist students in colleges, universities, or professional schools may borrow small amounts for a limited time. Upon repayment the funds are again available for loans to other students. Through this process of rotation more than 65,000 students have received aid. The scholarship portion of this fund is administered by

the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education and has proven to be one of the most constructive forces in our entire program of higher education.

The Student secretary in each local church should be aware of the possibilities these funds provide in helping students in her church. Additional information may be secured by writing Board of Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Methodist Student Day will be observed this year on June 13. The offering might be augmented by a gift from the Woman's Society. This day might have dual significance and serve as a "welcome home" for the college group and as an opportunity to interest and enlist their help in the summer program of the church.

During this month hundreds of college students and their adult counselors will meet in the five Regional Student Leadership Training Schools. These conferences are

planned for leadership training of college students who are responsible for program planning on college campuses and are designed to make more effective the work of the Methodist Student Movement on the campuses. Seminars and workshop groups, with inspirational speakers and teachers, comprise a day's activities. Perhaps your society might give financial assistance to the regularly selected students from your conference who will attend this school. The schools will be held as follows:

June 7-12, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

June 7-12, Norman, Oklahoma.
June 14-19, Epworth Forest, Indiana.

June 14-19, Pemberton, New Jersey.

June 21-26, Lake Tahoe, California.

Conference secretaries of Student Work may attend these schools.

Friends for Missions

By HELEN L. JOHNSON

THE Methodist Youth Conference held in Cleveland from December 30, 1947, to January 2, 1948, will long be remembered. Some will speak of it as the conference of ten thousand. Others will recall it as the million-dollar conference. To some it will be "the first time I was away from home" or "the first time I met a person from another country." Whatever the variance all will remember it as a deep religious experience.

It was the first time that most of the ten thousand Methodist youth had had the opportunity to see their church as a unit. The conference

was under the auspices of the General Board of Education. At the same time all of the boards and agencies of the church co-operated, particularly in the exhibits. At the close of the conference, someone asked, "How much did the Board of Missions put into the conference?"

We are letting you in on the answer because you are interested, too. Although the figures may be interesting they are of little meaning by themselves. No figures can tell what was put into this conference! These figures are just one tangible expression of the interest

which the Board of Missions and Church Extension has in the youth of the church and of the close co-operation in the total program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. It is natural that the missionary emphasis was in a large part provided by the Board delegated with this responsibility.

The delegates to the conference included forty-three representatives from other countries who were guests of the Board of Missions. The majority of this group were Crusade scholars. They came from fifteen different countries. Missions

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Children and the Woman's Society of Christian Service

By RUBY VAN HOOSER, *Secretary of Children's Work*

THE needs of children are always ongoing ones and today around the world they are very great. Because the contribution of the Woman's Society can mean so much in helping to meet these needs, some illustrations in a single conference of the results of the study "Of Such Is the Kingdom" have been selected for listing that are suggestive of ways in which members of the society may continue during this present year to serve the boys and girls living in today's world. The examples are characteristic of the things that were mentioned by conference secretaries of Children's Work in every section of the country from whom replies to the questions were received.

The secretary of Children's Work in this conference writes:

"I sent out a special letter to twenty people over the conference asking them to tell me what their society had been led to do while studying the program emphasis, 'Of Such Is the Kingdom.' Some of the answers are enclosed herewith. I am quite pleased with them, and I believe that others will be also."

For Children in the Local Church

Co-operating with the superintendent and teachers of the children's division of the church school, the Woman's Society assists in various ways.

One secretary reports: "Our society has been instrumental in getting two new teachers for the children's division and has bought twenty-five new chairs for the junior department." Another comments: "We helped to redecorate the nursery and kindergarten departments as a direct result of the program, 'Children and Their Church.' Moreover, a committee of children's workers met with the building com-

mittee to discuss the needs of children in our new educational building that is to be erected soon." A third says: "We are working with others to provide a nursery for little children so that their parents may go to Sunday school and church." A fourth writes: "Our church school is hoping to have additional sessions this year, using the current missionary material." Another declared: "We were eager to have the superintendent of the children's division to serve as the secretary of Children's Work. She has decided to do so as a result of the program study, and is doing a fine job." One secretary reported: "We were led to work with the members of a Negro Methodist church in a presentation of the topic, 'What Are Better Plans for Working With Children?' We also helped to see that a committee was appointed to work with the Negro church in planning a vacation church school for their children. Two of our members were inspired to teach in this vacation school."*

For Children in the Community

Remembering the large number of children who have no connection of any kind with a church, one society said:

"We helped to take a census of our public schools, with the endeavor to reach the 'unreached' boys and girls. In this we had the utmost co-operation of the school superintendent. We also work with him in contributing to the school lunch program for the children, who need this assistance. In addition, we make a regular contribution month by month to the child welfare activities of the county." Another society wrote: "We are making it possible for one child in our community to remain in school by supplying the necessary clothing as well as the

school materials." From a third society came this report: "Concerned about juvenile delinquency, we arranged for a meeting to which all members of the church were invited as well as people from out in the city. A young lawyer was asked to speak to us on this subject. As a result, a campaign already under way to better certain conditions in the city was intensified."

Finally, in communities scattered throughout this conference where there were children of minority groups, friendly and constructive activities were planned by members of the Woman's Society for these boys and girls that added much to their happiness and to that of their families.

For Children Overseas

From an officer of the Woman's Society came this comment:

"The program study has opened many doors to me, letting me see the great needs of children abroad." Scarcely a society failed to mention some of these specific ways in which they, as well as the children of their church, were trying to help boys and girls in many of the war-devastated parts of the world. "We have adopted a family in Italy," wrote one. "The father is a Methodist minister, and there are five children in the family. To these we have sent food and clothing and gifts at Christmastime. We also helped children prepare a number of boxes of school supplies to be sent abroad. These were brought to the altar one Sunday morning to be dedicated before starting on their long journey." "Boxes of clothing were mailed to Germany and Holland," a second officer writes, "and money was sent for supplies for children in China." Another secretary reports: "Our church made the largest contribution of any church in the city toward the Milk Fund for children in Europe and the Far East. Gifts from our society for these purposes were made following one of our programs."

* Members of the Woman's Society will find helpful suggestions in the free leaflet, *Children: a Major Concern of Christian Women*, by Mary Skinner. Order from Literature Headquarters.



A Christian Looks at Asia

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Our Church World Service anti-malaria campaign in Siam has challenged the attention of the whole nation to a degree that is amazing. When one considers the enthusiastic response of government officials and of private citizens, in giving their time and their effort when Christianity put up the responsibility, one gains a glimpse of the importance of constructive Christian effort on a united and often a novel basis.

It was my privilege to be asked to go to Indonesia to see what the American churches should do to help forward the plans of the Indonesian church. As is well known, this territory has in the past been almost the exclusive concern of the Dutch churches. The destruction of war has rendered sufficient financial help for advancing the program of the Indonesian churches impossible. Here is a time when the ecumenical ideal can be greatly advanced, if we proceed on a united basis. No single denomination ought to start new work in Indonesia when the situation unitedly is as ripe for developments as it is there. Plans for training institutions, and literature developments are such that all should be approached on a united basis if the greatest impact for the strength of Christianity is to be made in the face of the overwhelming Moslem situation in the islands.

4. Lastly let me stress the importance of a new thesis of Christian effort aimed at a community-wide approach. Experiments have been made sporadically in the past. We need now to provide a structure which will carry forward this most intelligent application of our fundamental missionary program. The individual missionary, depending upon his preparatory training, set the pattern of Christian proclamation in his town. He was a minister. He began training preachers to build churches. He was a teacher. Then he started a school. He was a doctor. His concern was getting a hospital established. Now all of

these are good and telling means of proclaiming Christian truth. But they have very seldom been geared together in a community so they work at the revamping of the whole community life.

The new conception would set up a team of workers, each with a specialized training, including rural work, home life, religious education, and other specialties necessary for dealing with the whole life of the community. Working together as a team they would bring changes in thinking and behavior in every walk of life. The community could really become a Christian community. This is the concept which is basic in the recommendations being made by Dr. John H. Reisner, who has made for the mission boards a survey of the situation in seven countries of Asia. Church World Service has assisted in making this study possible because it believes that in this direction much greater advance can be made in our Christian mission toward the re-making of community life than has been done in the past. Our emphasis on individual identity was a crowning achievement of mission work in the past century. Now we must find the way to integrate these released individuals into a new force for the reconstruction of community and national life.

These are but a few convictions which have crystallized as a result of this visit in Asia. I believe that the principles they express are essential if Christian missions are to make any contribution to the life of Asia in the next period ahead at all comparable with the gains made in the past century.

The United States and European Recovery

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using the existing facilities of the government.

5. *Doors should be kept open to any European country accepting the obligations of the program.*

6. The program ought to be a *joint enterprise* between the United

States and the European countries—based on mutual respect.

7. *U.N. agencies* should be used as fully as possible.

Suggested Action

Write your congressmen and Senator Arthur Vandenburg, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Representative Charles Eaton, the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, regarding the European Recovery Program, and write your congressmen and Senator Charles W. Tobey, chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, and Representative Jesse Wolcott, chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, regarding anti-inflation measures.

Help set up a forum on this subject for your church and community. Use the press and the radio.

Distribute materials such as copies of the Federal Council statement to members of your church.

Talk about this to your neighbors and friends.

If the people will it, this program can bring hope as well as material assistance to the peoples of Europe and of the world.

Friends for Missions

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became real as they talked with boys and girls from every annual conference and signed countless autographs!

Needs within the United States took on new meaning when interpreted by representatives from minority groups. There will be a difference because Alaskans, Hawaiians, Puerto Ricans, American Indians, Negroes, Spanish-speaking Americans, and Orientals are now friends!

Twenty-seven missionaries and deaconesses helped to make friends for missions.

Twenty-five staff members from the Board of Missions and Church Extension were in attendance.

Through the Board of Missions exhibit youth gained a larger vision of the world-wide mission of the church.



FINANCIAL CONFERENCE REPORT

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOARD OF MISSIONS

Henrietta Gibbs

CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS

Jurisdiction	Adult	W. S. G.	Paid on Pledge 1947	Total Pledged 1947	Student	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriation 1947
North Central:								
Dakota.....	\$ 15,748.53	\$ 992.04	\$ 16,740.57	\$ 12,500.00		\$ 598.07	\$ 90.30	\$ 17,428.87
Detroit.....	82,504.93	3,927.19	86,432.12	75,550.00		3,849.98	624.46	90,406.44
Illinois.....	110,041.01	4,866.25	114,907.26	90,000.00	\$26.67	3,618.40	1,144.62	119,696.35
Indiana.....	75,659.02	5,665.78	81,324.80	63,500.00		2,423.50	1,649.59	85,397.77
Iowa-Des Moines.....	74,497.97	3,872.93	78,370.90	60,000.00		4,839.16	585.31	83,795.27
Michigan.....	58,814.36	3,833.09	62,647.45	56,300.00		2,879.87	1,199.71	66,727.77
Minnesota.....	33,094.55	1,613.00	34,707.55	26,000.00		663.93	436.07	35,807.55
North Dakota.....	15,063.18	304.65	15,367.78	9,264.00		376.50	355.02	16,099.30
North Indiana.....	80,850.81	3,493.44	84,344.25	55,000.00		4,007.49	1,651.98	90,003.76
North-East Ohio.....	137,123.56	6,853.33	143,976.89	126,710.00		4,838.03	2,694.21	151,509.11
Northern Minnesota.....	33,964.41	2,945.39	36,909.80	27,000.00		1,010.00	447.34	38,367.14
Northwest Indiana.....	36,344.83	1,579.00	37,923.83	32,398.00		2,214.12	710.62	40,848.57
Northwest Iowa.....	40,684.93	1,549.77	42,234.70	27,300.00		2,368.00	302.46	44,905.16
Ohio.....	150,160.66	9,011.14	159,171.80	157,500.00		6,863.71	2,477.97	168,513.78
Rock River.....	102,249.87	6,101.77	108,351.64	96,460.00		3,258.00	1,063.95	112,673.59
Southern Illinois.....	29,300.98	3,017.12	32,318.10	27,000.00		2,014.69	637.46	34,970.25
Upper Iowa.....	40,515.83	1,570.43	42,086.26	33,000.00		1,923.19	770.37	44,779.44
West Wisconsin.....	22,344.56	955.24	23,299.80	15,600.00		718.78	82.84	24,101.38
Wisconsin.....	32,376.48	1,044.55	33,421.03	25,345.00	25.00	748.48	310.18	34,504.64
Total.....	1,171,340.42	63,196.11	1,234,536.53	1,016,427.00	51.67	48,713.90	17,234.46	1,300,536.07
Northeastern:								
Baltimore.....	89,565.55	2,952.22	92,517.77	80,000.00		2,242.19	328.93	95,088.89
Central New York.....	40,256.08	1,038.42	41,294.50	37,000.00		1,094.33	488.74	42,877.57
Central Pennsylvania.....	41,970.88	697.95	42,668.83	40,000.00		1,905.18	210.54	44,784.55
Erie.....	48,325.02	1,683.35	50,008.37	49,000.00		1,154.92	665.40	51,828.69
Genesee.....	47,694.27	1,344.86	49,039.13	42,000.00		742.03	252.28	50,033.44
Maine.....	7,049.59	22.50	7,072.09	6,600.00		78.07	45.04	7,195.10
Newark.....	49,140.40	2,347.55	51,487.95	48,000.00		590.55	481.78	52,560.21
New England.....	24,954.89	545.11	25,500.00	26,500.00	5.00	517.78	187.59	26,210.38
New England Southern.....	17,405.71	15.00	17,420.71	17,000.00		495.68	15.20	17,931.59
New Hampshire.....	5,163.02	366.50	5,529.52	5,000.00		20.00	105.22	5,654.74
New Jersey.....	38,224.97	1,056.78	39,281.75	36,008.00		539.89	292.64	40,114.27
New York.....	28,714.00	2,129.38	30,843.38	29,100.00	20.00	287.66	187.68	31,338.02
New York East.....	40,355.80	2,368.53	42,724.33	39,850.00		550.19	157.41	43,431.93
Northern New York.....	22,437.50	454.00	22,891.50	22,000.00	25.00	578.48	129.72	23,624.70
Peninsula.....	30,745.91	74.00	30,819.91	26,000.00		1,043.99	221.50	32,085.40
Philadelphia.....	63,452.08	3,261.35	66,713.43	61,000.00		2,286.25	849.91	69,849.59
Pittsburgh.....	86,960.40	1,435.78	88,396.18	76,000.00		3,869.02	1,249.39	93,514.57
Troy.....	37,419.65	913.00	38,332.65	35,000.00		395.92	58.37	38,786.94
West Virginia.....	86,270.93	4,763.59	91,034.52	85,000.00		4,164.82	609.96	95,809.30
Wyoming.....	39,366.07	423.00	39,789.07	36,000.00		1,128.00	116.20	41,033.27
Puerto Rico Provisional.....				25.00				
Total.....	845,472.72	27,892.87	873,365.59	797,083.00	50.00	23,684.95	6,653.50	903,754.44
South Central:								
Central Kansas.....	90,710.60	5,984.87	96,695.47	70,000.00		4,146.01	1,438.13	102,279.61
Central Texas.....	42,199.14	5,265.19	47,464.33	40,000.00		1,769.62	401.94	49,635.89
East Oklahoma.....	31,489.62	2,755.28	34,244.90	24,255.00		580.25	328.93	35,154.18
Indian Mission.....	691.11	5.00	696.11	500.00			1.37	697.48
Kansas.....	49,615.00	3,125.00	52,740.00	47,250.00		1,484.53	671.99	54,796.52
Little Rock.....	35,524.88	3,638.62	39,163.50	35,000.00		1,255.75	146.54	40,565.79
Louisiana.....	60,292.04	5,336.37	65,628.41	46,500.00	5.00	2,093.97	284.22	68,011.66
Missouri.....	24,381.72	723.30	25,105.02	17,500.00		563.89	137.33	25,806.14
Nebraska.....	67,099.27	4,215.80	71,315.07	63,000.00		1,686.44	790.71	73,792.22
New Mexico.....	8,372.49	2,293.95	10,666.44	10,000.00		341.37	100.58	11,108.39
North Arkansas.....	23,824.63	4,225.00	28,049.63	26,000.00		1,226.87	178.88	29,455.39
North Texas.....	43,798.19	3,050.00	46,848.19	41,000.00		750.00	150.00	47,748.19
Northwest Texas.....	41,459.21	2,589.22	44,048.43	28,000.00		1,088.26	185.95	45,322.64
St. Louis.....	33,679.58	3,345.42	37,025.00	34,000.00	5.00	488.68	297.47	37,816.15
Southwest Mexican.....	484.07		484.07	500.00		76.72	46.12	606.89
Southwest Missouri.....	38,923.52	3,776.22	42,699.74	32,500.00		924.69	401.68	44,026.11
Southwest Texas.....	49,048.58	4,433.32	53,481.90	38,000.00		2,770.57	312.46	56,564.13
Texas.....	71,414.00	6,631.06	77,945.06	53,500.00		1,024.25	746.44	79,715.75
West Oklahoma.....	42,808.35	4,191.65	47,000.00	42,000.00		1,642.14	465.39	49,107.53
Total.....	755,716.00	65,485.27	821,201.27	649,505.00	10.00	23,914.01	7,086.13	852,211.31
Southeastern:								
Alabama.....	45,051.06	3,246.30	48,297.36	42,000.00		1,065.42	365.71	49,728.49
Cuba Mission.....						18.00		18.00
Florida.....	75,805.23	5,975.64	81,780.87	70,000.00		4,286.97	282.70	86,350.54
Holston.....	46,484.55	7,210.92	53,695.47	50,000.00		4,760.09	376.74	58,832.30
Kentucky.....	29,444.63	3,544.46	32,989.14	31,000.00		1,438.59	270.47	34,698.20
Louisville.....	36,529.37	3,997.13	40,526.50	40,000.00		1,366.60	223.54	42,116.64

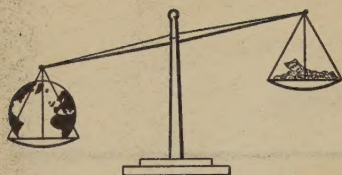
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DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

General ropriations	Conference Work	Total on Appropriations 1947	Total on Appropriations 1946	Week of Prayer	Supplies	Supplemen- tary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Misc.	Total Receipts
17,428.94		\$ 17,428.94	\$ 13,464.32	\$ 1,168.09	\$ 1,299.34	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 20,026.37
86,494.06	\$ 3,912.50	90,406.56	88,961.82	3,619.99	6,099.60	1,176.49	73.50	899.89	102,276.03
102,596.95	17,100.00	119,696.95	99,950.13	4,776.27	10,892.68	10,504.40	86.30	75.00	146,031.60
81,863.89	3,534.00	85,397.89	76,906.57	4,003.18	5,705.71	60.00	61.25		95,228.03
79,655.37	4,140.00	83,795.37	75,074.39	3,703.77	4,669.33	595.74	89.00		92,844.21
63,797.03	2,930.00	66,727.03	65,330.92	3,714.70	6,085.37	2,985.55	59.70		79,522.35
35,807.55		35,807.55	28,651.60	1,420.76	3,366.88	42.00	26.34		40,663.53
16,099.30		16,099.30	11,683.70	1,261.07	1,525.45	244.25	10.29		19,140.36
84,003.72	6,000.00	90,003.72	68,366.59	4,533.96	6,422.26	51.00	61.72		101,072.66
123,455.83	28,053.30	151,509.13	138,593.88	5,622.01	7,592.25	9,330.00	110.00	2,000.00	176,663.39
38,367.14		38,367.14	33,740.92	1,536.28	1,747.98	50.00	31.60		41,733.00
40,848.57		40,848.57	37,391.94	2,077.95	2,746.08	452.00	45.37		46,169.97
42,107.54	2,797.62	44,905.16	34,916.79	3,134.37	4,819.95	8.00	39.89		52,907.37
148,413.48	20,100.00	168,513.48	162,772.22	6,867.65	15,545.61	16,976.75	151.25	220.00	208,274.74
107,833.62	4,899.97	112,673.59	105,300.17	3,060.38	4,591.09	4,936.07	81.07	30.00	125,372.20
32,970.25	2,000.00	34,970.25	31,348.68	3,360.88	4,050.88	1,661.00	25.00	2,080.00	46,148.01
44,379.82	400.00	44,779.82	43,427.65	2,606.39	6,424.45	3,697.00	40.00	1,005.61	58,553.27
22,601.42	1,500.00	24,101.42	17,799.81	1,133.13	2,015.77	10.00	26.94	150.00	27,437.26
34,504.69		34,504.69	30,943.33	1,636.86	2,204.99		30.44		38,376.98
2,203,229.17	97,307.39	1,300,536.56	1,159,620.43	59,237.69	97,746.67	53,360.25	1,069.66	6,490.50	1,518,441.33
85,363.98	9,724.91	95,088.89	88,469.75	5,513.79	4,122.86	4,246.97	66.50	25.00	109,064.01
42,669.19	208.38	42,877.57	41,418.84	1,586.85	2,815.28	1,090.00	40.00		48,409.70
38,300.23	6,484.32	44,784.55	44,041.17	1,454.78	3,418.89	992.00	48.62		50,698.84
46,912.07	4,916.62	51,828.69	48,928.60	2,484.16	3,525.05	466.77	41.30		58,345.05
45,189.19	4,844.25	50,033.44	47,901.81	1,642.63	1,966.17	217.24	37.57	255.00	54,152.07
6,695.20	500.00	7,195.20	6,966.57	883.11	164.50	5.00	11.36		7,759.17
48,660.28	3,900.00	52,560.28	47,490.07	1,699.00	1,137.79	1,162.00	39.50	4,580.77	61,179.34
20,210.37	6,000.00	26,210.37	27,199.13	322.72	1,795.46	8,237.00	31.50		36,597.05
15,598.28	2,333.31	17,931.59	16,709.72	496.07	483.51		15.00		18,926.17
5,654.74		5,654.74	5,194.80	189.92	100.50	25.00	8.75		5,978.91
35,614.28	4,500.00	40,114.28	38,230.65	1,186.39	1,509.27	4,150.90	40.16	67.00	47,068.00
31,338.72		31,338.72	29,512.93	945.87	1,622.40	95.00	27.72		34,029.71
40,731.93	2,700.00	43,431.93	41,594.90	1,767.49	2,587.88	95.00	35.00	20.00	47,937.30
23,624.70		23,624.70	22,459.56	1,172.27	630.30	2,580.90		200.00	28,208.17
27,783.71	4,301.69	32,085.40	28,866.13	1,584.40	1,815.39	379.45	47.64		35,912.28
57,782.94	12,066.65	69,849.59	66,836.19	2,343.36	3,354.87	1,215.35	52.31	48.00	76,863.48
79,971.56	13,543.03	93,514.59	88,833.48	4,233.07	2,086.74	757.63	56.65	2,012.42	102,711.10
38,786.94		38,786.94	37,210.12	819.66	1,768.38	209.00	40.00	45.00	41,668.98
86,675.99	9,133.31	95,809.30	89,476.53	10,523.15	10,573.71		67.78	245.00	117,218.94
35,899.96	5,133.31	41,033.27	36,882.00	1,009.65	1,667.22	290.00	35.00		44,035.14
813,464.26	90,289.78	903,754.04	854,261.95	41,408.34	47,146.17	26,215.21	742.36	7,498.19	1,026,764.31
100,931.72	1,347.89	102,279.61	86,309.02	5,710.77	8,704.97	718.65	67.54		117,481.54
49,635.89		49,635.89	47,435.94	6,098.13	4,659.64	2,423.35	24.98	15.00	62,856.99
35,154.08		35,154.08	28,507.23	4,360.47	2,469.21	109.00	20.00	2.02	42,114.78
697.48		697.48	298.45	128.50			1.75		827.73
50,162.81	4,633.71	54,796.52	52,776.44	2,803.05	3,484.96	1,017.05	53.00	35.00	62,189.58
40,315.79	250.00	40,565.79	35,600.86	3,404.66	1,236.78	85.00	26.05		45,318.28
68,011.60		68,011.60	57,653.85	6,984.53	9,728.46	300.00	26.17	3.38	85,054.14
25,806.24		25,806.24	22,367.41	3,140.20	3,709.72	75.00	24.68		32,755.84
70,642.22	3,150.00	73,792.22	65,195.25	4,506.83	6,111.90	500.00	71.64		84,982.59
11,108.39		11,108.39	9,779.74	1,111.44	1,795.23		14.00		14,029.06
29,205.38	250.00	29,455.38	30,927.94	3,903.69	3,552.12	100.00	21.46		37,032.65
47,748.19		47,748.19	48,607.06	8,025.67	3,274.13	950.00	27.50	31.90	60,057.39
45,322.64		45,322.64	43,488.43	8,616.30	6,601.91	60.00	42.68		60,643.53
37,816.15		37,816.15	33,135.77	3,730.90	5,989.36	5,584.40	25.00	40.00	53,185.81
606.91		606.91	694.35						606.91
44,026.11		44,026.11	35,979.24	4,333.04	4,024.34	1,205.00	29.68		53,618.17
56,564.93		56,564.93	48,393.15	8,259.93	8,827.39	2,734.42	29.36	20.00	76,486.03
79,715.75		79,715.75	68,935.01	8,838.97	11,087.42	189.50	39.33	872.69	100,743.66
49,107.53		49,107.53	45,421.59	5,088.73	5,769.84	1,989.70	34.70	15.00	62,005.50
842,579.81	9,631.60	852,211.41	761,506.73	89,045.81	91,027.38	18,041.07	579.52	1,034.99	1,051,940.18
49,728.49		49,728.49	44,661.29	10,299.77	2,867.10	207.45			63,102.81
18.00		18.00	33.50	250.14	42.57	73.50			384.21
86,350.54		86,350.54	85,644.37	10,865.19	15,326.59	2,266.50	42.22		114,851.04
58,832.30		58,832.30	52,724.14	14,905.23	4,572.81	1,192.00			79,502.34
34,698.20		34,698.20	34,336.85	4,988.35	5,554.19	2,250.00	23.25		47,513.99
42,116.64		42,116.64	32,608.61	5,318.93	1,929.87	788.00	21.36		50,174.80



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WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE—BOARD OF MISSIONS

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CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS

Jurisdiction	Adult	W. S. G.	Paid on Pledge 1947	Total Pledged 1947	Student	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriation 1947
Southeastern (Continued):								
Memphis.....	\$ 37,616.65	\$ 5,911.15	\$ 43,527.80	\$ 40,000.00		\$1,251.98	\$ 337.74	\$ 45,117.52
Mississippi.....	36,709.08	4,260.25	40,969.33	36,000.00	\$193.73	2,799.98	256.01	44,219.02
North Alabama.....	66,498.79	6,981.21	73,480.00	55,000.00		3,103.77	348.68	76,932.45
North Carolina.....	75,870.59	9,384.42	85,255.01	61,700.00		3,281.73	687.78	89,224.51
North Georgia.....	61,651.98	14,356.08	76,008.06	65,000.00		2,427.80	1,040.89	79,476.75
North Mississippi.....	28,581.38	3,513.35	32,044.73	28,000.00		2,092.80	213.94	34,351.47
South Carolina.....	32,164.42	1,821.06	33,985.48	28,500.00	12.59	1,123.16	271.31	35,392.46
South Georgia.....	75,819.04	7,607.97	83,427.01	65,000.00		1,710.39	202.45	85,339.85
Tennessee.....	40,367.00	4,625.71	44,992.71	40,000.00	86.75	1,353.69	269.68	46,702.82
Upper South Carolina.....	45,038.63	3,376.16	48,414.79	35,000.00		2,180.84	223.92	50,819.55
Virginia.....	118,327.44	5,669.91	123,997.35	100,000.00		6,930.97	371.68	131,300.00
Western North Carolina.....	84,880.90	9,277.36	94,158.26	70,000.00		1,590.36	510.44	96,259.06
Total.....	936,790.79	100,759.08	1,037,549.87	857,200.00	293.07	42,783.14	6,253.68	1,086,879.19
Western:								
Alaska Mission.....	510.38		510.38	325.00		5.00		515.38
*California.....	59,514.92	3,118.20	62,633.12	42,000.00		1,399.12	307.63	64,339.87
Colorado.....	28,110.57	2,813.95	30,924.52	23,000.00		244.96	557.80	31,727.28
Hawaii.....	1,162.90	202.23	1,365.13			200.13		1,565.26
Idaho.....	9,203.48	283.50	9,486.98	7,386.00	10.00	155.73	43.91	9,696.62
Latin American Provisional.....	55.00		55.00	30.00				55.00
Montana.....	9,035.15	672.64	9,707.79	8,000.00		195.33	137.15	10,040.27
Oregon.....	24,049.15	1,340.95	25,390.10	18,500.00		1,241.36	239.41	26,870.86
Pacific Northwest.....	39,192.12	2,121.47	41,313.59	33,390.00		1,311.69	480.90	43,106.11
Southern California-Arizona.....	140,381.08	6,862.35	147,243.43	130,000.00		2,407.80	1,234.24	150,885.47
Utah Mission.....	1,616.29	51.00	1,667.29	1,124.00		76.48	12.97	1,756.74
Wyoming State.....	4,639.00	375.00	5,014.00	3,600.00		53.50	79.50	5,147.00
Total.....	317,470.04	17,841.29	335,311.33	267,355.00	10.00	7,291.15	3,093.51	345,705.99
Central:								
Atlanta.....	925.58	415.00	1,340.58	1,275.00		185.43	18.19	1,544.20
Central Alabama.....	577.30	23.00	600.30	950.00	3.50	12.00	37.42	653.22
Central West.....	274.00	126.00	400.00	600.00	4.00	26.00	30.00	460.00
Delaware.....	4,489.18	265.52	4,754.70	4,550.00		331.00	44.76	5,130.46
East Tennessee.....	606.00	59.00	665.00	600.00		24.00	12.00	701.00
Florida.....	350.75	15.10	365.85	300.00			7.70	373.55
Lexington.....	3,450.00	600.00	4,050.00	4,050.00		133.00	35.00	4,218.00
Louisiana.....	1,712.50	99.00	1,811.50	1,711.50	25.00	73.68	4.00	1,914.18
Mississippi.....	1,117.29	402.81	1,520.10	1,000.00		23.65	9.00	1,557.55
North Carolina.....	1,066.00	37.00	1,103.00	1,019.55		45.10	138.65	1,286.30
Savannah.....	359.00		359.00	350.00		16.00		375.00
South Carolina.....	1,414.05	280.00	1,694.05	1,829.00	40.00	85.60	60.00	1,879.65
South Florida.....	275.00		275.00	250.00		9.50	1.00	285.50
Southwest.....	372.75		372.75	500.00	9.00	6.00	7.00	394.75
Tennessee.....	660.75	88.01	748.76	1,100.00			9.00	757.76
Texas.....	2,261.26	123.05	2,384.31	1,925.00	21.00	99.19	92.64	2,597.18
Upper Mississippi.....	173.00	10.00	183.00	350.00	5.00		5.00	193.00
Washington.....	4,080.00	937.39	5,017.39	3,800.00		175.00	72.07	5,264.46
West Texas.....	996.44	132.00	1,128.44	1,000.00	10.00		8.00	1,146.44
Total.....	25,160.85	3,612.88	28,773.73	27,160.05	133.50	1,234.15	591.43	30,732.33
Total from Conferences.....	4,051,950.82	278,787.50	4,330,738.32	3,614,730.05	548.24	147,621.30	40,912.71	4,519,820.00
Other Income for Appropriations:								
Deaconess Pensions.....								
Enrolled Missionary Pension Fund.....								
Missionary and Deaconess Temporary Disability Fund.....								
Interest Income Allocated from Endowments and Restricted Funds.....								
Miscellaneous and Gifts for Appropriations.....								
Student Fund.....								
Other Designated Expendable Receipts:								
Bequests.....								
Miscellaneous.....								
Refunds.....								
Transients.....								
Grand Total.....	\$4,051,950.82	\$278,787.50	\$4,330,738.32	\$3,614,730.05	\$548.24	\$147,621.30	\$40,912.71	\$4,519,820.00

*This total includes \$25.00 from California Oriental Mission.

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CHURCH EXTENSION—THE METHODIST CHURCH

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DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

General Appropriations	Conference Work	Total on Appropriations 1947	Total on Appropriations 1946	Week of Prayer	Supplies	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation 1/4 of 1c Per Member	Misc	Total Receipts
45,117.52		\$ 45,117.52	\$ 41,210.00	\$10,219.02	\$ 3,048.20	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 28.55		\$ 62,513.29
44,219.05		44,219.05	43,448.49	7,271.60	2,810.07	3,660.00	30.00		57,990.72
76,932.45		76,932.45	62,333.47	8,520.98	5,823.19	25.00	35.14	\$ 125.06	91,466.82
89,224.52		89,224.52	72,898.95	10,809.35	8,615.72	548.00	53.00		109,250.59
79,476.75		79,476.75	70,182.19	8,566.41	7,989.09	3,312.00	275.00	1,711.25	101,330.50
34,351.47		34,351.47	31,936.70	5,411.99	1,550.09	100.00	19.45	41.00	41,474.00
85,392.54		85,392.54	33,639.99	4,174.69	3,014.40	780.00	29.35		43,390.98
35,339.85		35,339.85	76,220.29	9,699.94	6,924.16	2,250.00	33.15	12.50	104,259.60
39,502.83	\$ 7,200.00	46,702.83	44,331.71	6,097.74	2,060.61	2,471.94	27.24		57,360.36
50,819.55		50,819.55	37,114.64	6,040.48	4,240.09	3,497.75	26.38		64,624.25
131,300.00		131,300.00	126,456.43	18,042.56	5,492.47	12,420.25	90.00		167,345.28
96,259.06		96,259.06	75,948.10	8,977.71	19,492.09	10,425.00	65.15	256.17	135,475.18
79,679.76	7,200.00	1,086,879.76	965,729.72	150,460.08	101,358.31	50,367.39	799.24	2,145.98	1,392,010.76
515.38		515.38	393.00	96.78			1.00		613.16
63,139.87	1,200.00	64,339.87	58,958.97	3,679.20	4,296.56	1,350.00	36.90		73,702.53
27,317.13	4,410.15	31,727.28	29,459.61	1,585.30	2,473.54	398.77	28.83	2,083.67	38,297.89
1,565.26		1,565.26	1,065.14	148.92					1,714.18
9,696.62		9,696.62	7,691.99	562.83	697.40		7.25		10,964.10
55.00		55.00	30.00						55.00
9,290.32	750.00	10,040.32	10,086.62	708.14	943.82	495.00	12.10		12,199.38
25,870.87	1,000.00	26,870.87	25,644.73	1,652.71	2,061.76	40.00	20.00	200.00	30,845.34
41,629.41	1,476.77	43,106.18	40,428.98	2,623.67	3,696.36	759.63	30.13	42.65	50,258.62
130,132.30	20,753.17	150,885.47	146,602.71	6,397.09	14,305.97	26,901.64	70.00	2,136.35	200,696.52
1,756.74		1,756.74	1,188.61	117.12	204.38		5.00		2,083.24
5,147.00		5,147.00	4,783.55	345.00	504.00		4.00		6,000.00
316,115.90	29,590.09	345,705.99	326,333.91	17,916.76	29,183.79	29,945.04	215.21	4,462.67	427,429.46
1,544.20		1,544.20	1,206.13	50.36	201.25		4.00		1,799.81
653.22		653.22	981.85	34.00	33.05		2.25		722.52
460.00		460.00	672.50	110.10	75.85		2.30		648.25
3,478.46	1,652.00	5,130.46	4,621.31	203.20	278.50		10.00		5,622.16
701.00		701.00	899.20	21.00			3.00		725.00
373.55		373.55	368.00		111.67				485.22
4,218.00		4,218.00	4,364.90	124.60	106.00		20.00		4,468.60
1,914.18		1,914.18	1,427.00	32.88	194.12		5.31		2,146.49
1,557.75		1,557.75	892.00	52.00	129.00		12.00		1,750.75
1,286.75		1,286.75	1,189.50	54.27	197.50		7.00		1,545.52
375.00		375.00	327.50	6.00	61.50				442.50
1,879.65		1,879.65	1,130.18	29.60	62.50		10.00		1,981.75
285.50		285.50	202.00	47.10	21.00				353.60
394.75		394.75	506.50	16.00	43.00				453.75
757.76		757.76	1,176.40		193.75	100.00			1,051.51
2,597.14		2,597.14	2,230.78	117.76	234.89				2,949.79
193.00		193.00	286.45						193.00
5,264.46		5,264.46	4,300.66	479.39	148.46		12.50		5,904.81
1,146.44		1,146.44	959.41	114.03	143.10		10.00		1,413.57
29,080.81	1,652.00	30,732.81	27,742.27	1,492.29	2,235.14	100.00	98.36		34,658.60
234,149.71	235,670.86	4,519,820.57	4,095,195.01	359,560.97	368,697.46	178,028.96	3,504.35	21,632.33	5,451,244.64
52,107.70		52,107.70	50,047.09						52,107.70
486.90		486.90	492.56						486.90
2,485.00		2,485.00	2,851.90						2,485.00
15,253.65		15,253.65	15,608.28						15,253.65
6,975.97		6,975.97	7,657.98						6,975.97
1,470.25		1,470.25	1,107.11						1,470.25
78,779.47		78,779.47	77,764.92						
					11,187.28	72,046.32		1,178,749.16	1,178,749.16
								48,995.93	132,229.53
								123,036.35	123,036.35
								24,980.59	24,980.59
362,929.18	\$235,670.86	\$4,598,600.04	\$4,172,959.93	\$359,560.97	\$379,884.74	\$250,075.28	\$3,504.35	\$1,397,394.36	\$6,989,019.74

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